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On Sale Here

Right in Redwood City's own back yard, the federal government is selling between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000 worth of surplus war property, Sales Mgr. John Hall of the War Assets Administration announced today.

The sale is at the WAA depot at the Port of Redwood City.

For sale are quantities of hardware, electrical goods, paints, thinners, enamels, tons of pipe fittings, faucets, galvanized pipe, brass pipe, copper pipe, soil pipe, used sashes, used doors, used frames, used cabinets, electric cable, electric wire, tarpaulins, bolts, nuts, screws, gate and globe valves, bronze valves and chain hoists.

One item that Hall especially likes is the 76,500 hangers the government described as "hook, plastic for coat and hat." These little steel reinforced gems sell for a cent and a half apiece and are so strong a full grown man can stamp on them without breaking them. Hall has 45 barrels, each containing 1700.

Also for sale ar crane parts.

A large part of the materials is top priority which can be purchased only by those holding MM or HH priorities—for veterans' housing or veterans' rehabilitation.

These priorities, however, will be lifted midnight, May 12, and after that its first come, first served.

Hall said the materials were broken down into small lots so the "little guy can buy."

The sale is a WAA site clearance sale.

New Teen-Age Club

The "May Sway" will inaugurate the new East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Atherton 'teen-age club, The Platter. The "dressy-dress" dance will be held in the Ravenswood School auditorium Friday night.

Bids are available in limited number to Redwood City couples and may be obtained through members of the Platter committee, according to Myles Lang, chairman.

The Platter, sponsored by the Dad's Booster Club with the aid of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ravenswood Parent Teacher Assn., plans many events for the 'teen-agers during the coming months. Myles Lang, Dwight Faylor, Larry Arnold, Frances Romera, Pat Ryan and Mickie Hudson, planning committee members, meet each Thursday night at the home of Donald O. Walker, 2151 Euclid Ave., to discuss programs. Suggestions are welcome from members, according to Dwight Faylor.

"Our May Sway is a membership drive dance," said Miss Frances Romera, "and we are offering bids at special rates to those who purchase their membership cards at the same time. We are issuing associate memberships to teensters out of our district, who are interested in good fun. We shall have dances every Saturday night, with admission by membership card only." It was decided at the last committee meeting to put bids on sale through May 8. This dance will be a cabaret affair, with dancing, entertainment and refreshments included in the price of the bid.

Anniversary

serving its 25th anniversary this Spring with a program that extends through the week of May 19-24. The college faculty and students are arranging an open house on both campuses Tuesday evening, May 20; a musical program the evening of May 21; a special performance of the term play, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," Friday evening for the alumni, and an alumni dinner at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin, Saturday, May 24. A student dance that evening will also be open to the visiting alumni.

Heading up the committee work is a group of instructors and students, which included three faculty members who have been at the college for the full 25 years. They are Miss E. Gertrude Cook, Dr. Harold Taggart, and Sam Francis. Other committeemen are Dr. Elizabeth Balderston, Miss Ada Beveridge, Dr. Frank Stanger, Fredric Roehr, Elford McAllister of the faculty, while Miss Winifred Stetson and John Wrentmore, student president, represent the students. Wrentmore is a Sequoia Union High School graduate.

In its 25 years, San Mateo Junior College has grown from 26 students to more than 1800, while nearly five thousand adults attend evening school sections each year. The college, once housed in an old mansion in San Mateo city park, now has two campuses, with two fine buildings already erected on its "new" campus, and is in a position to obtain a lease on the Cadet School campus at Coyote Point if that school is closed in June.

Protests Mag

Fred Howser, state attorney general, has written the district attorneys of all California counties recommending they follow the lead of San Mateo County in banning the sale of the nudist magazine, "Sunshine and Health."

John S. Cowgill, chief probation officer here, had asked Howser in February if a state ban could be invoked against the magazine, which calls itself the official organ of the American Sunbathing Assn., Inc.

Action by Cowgill came after Police Chief Robert O'Brien of San Mateo had ordered the magazine off all stands in his city.

The magazine showed pictures of men and women lacking even the traditional fig leaf.

Howser said he informed the district attorneys that the magazine substantially violates California Penal Code sections relating to lewdness and is a "demoralizing factor to 'teen-age youths."

May Day

More persons attended the Woodside May Day celebration Thursday than ever before. Crowds lined the County Rd. from the school to the Country Store to watch the parade which began the festivities at 11 a. m. The May Day celebration, sponsored by the Woodside Parent Teacher Assn., has been a tradition in Woodside for the past 20 years.

Leading the parade was a 60-piece band from Sequoia High School, followed by the float of the king and queen. The royalty rode high atop a rustic redwood stump surrounded by greenery and flowers. Members of their court rode below them, seated among the flowers on flag stones.

Among the entries was a sail boat of flowers and shrubs containing a tribe of young, wild Woodside Indians. This float was the entry of the Brownie troop and won the first prize.

The members of the Cub Pack impersonated the officers and chairmen of the Woodside PTA and wore labels on their backs to denote the impersonation. Woodside's first fire truck was driven by Lt. Lew Stacy.

Judges for the awards were Mr. John Valpiano, Mrs. Clarence West, Mr. L. Walters, Mrs. Paul Achilles, Mr. Rueben Sperle, Mr. Peter Weigman, Mrs. W. W. Mein Jr., Mrs. L. Cipollina, and Mrs. L. F. Mason.

Following the parade Queen Connie Crothers and King Kenneth Kveseth were crowned by Mr. O. H. Oleson, superintendent of the Menlo Park schools. Surrounded by their court, the royalty then watched a maypole dance staged by the third and fourth grade girls. Members of the Royal Court were Michael Gahagan and Charles Johnson, crownbearers; Janet Kerr, Audrey Stewart, Madeline Hopkins, Diane Walker, Roberta Greer, Robert Christensen and Jackie Brooke as ladies-in-waiting.

After a picnic lunch a series of potato sack and relay races were held on the school grounds under the direction of Principal William S. Herbig. These events ended with a softball game and a tug-o-war.

Mr. Ernest Pohlhammer, general chairman, was given much of the credit for the success of the affair. It was he who worked long and hard in preparation for the day, assisted by Mrs. Alda McDonald, Mr. Frank Collins, Mr. William Herbig, Mrs. Harvey Clark, Mr. Fred Eilerman and many others. Mr. Frank D. Hill and the Woodside-Portola Police Patrol kept the road clear for the parade.

Officers Installed

Queen Esther Shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, was formally instituted Tuesday evening by Merlin Jackson, Deputy Supreme Watchman of Shepherds, amid a profusion of white lilies.

Mr. Jackson was assisted by officers of Temple Shrine 35 of San Mateo and dignitaries of other Bay Area shrines. Among those assisting were Clyde W. Harrison, Nazarene Shrine; Katherine Schiller, Nazarene Shrine; Fred Webster, La Verne Sloat, Temple Shrine; Mae Estabrook, Mizpah Shrine; Mabel Farmer, Temple; Mabel Wood, Hazel Hood, George Armstrong, Edith Armstrong of Temple Shrine.

Original music, composed especially for the initiation by Mrs. Betty Baird Wahlgren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baird, was sung by Leda Gregory Jackson of San Jose, Supreme Organist. Mrs. Baird was the accompanist.

Mrs. Luticia R. Walden was installed as the first Worthy High Priestess of Queen Esther Shrine. She carried the emblem of the order made of gardenias and yellow roses. Mrs. Walden will be assisted by a group of officers among which are Guy Alterton as Watchman of Shepherds; Adella M. Baird, Edwin C. Baird, Emilie Hoffman, Mae Barr Long, Blanche Thoen, Myrtle Alterton and Elizabeth Evans.

Appointive officers of the Queen Esther Shrine are Pansy Mansberger, Lambert H. Thoen, E. W. Boatwright, Clarence Ross, Milton Priger, Neva Spillers, Maude Wrigley, Loretta A. McCulloch, Edna V. Eltringham, Grace Cooley, Edith Boatwright and George W. McNulty.

King's guards were Virgil C. Reed, John L. Long, John T. Lawrence, William L. Cooley, Fred H. Glasshoff, Curtis Bradford, Russell H. McCulloch and E. W. Russell.

The queen's attendants were Emily Mathis, Marie Stabence, Grace Baird, Yvonne Stubbs, Ruby Holm, Rachel Ross, Gussie Marmont, Velma May Bradford and Annie Meetz.

Honorary appointments were made. They were Anita Reed and Georgina Whittenberg as matrons of honor, Ruth Allard as courier, Pearl Lawrence as flag bearer, Lillian Priger as color bearer, Alice Addis as banner bearer.

Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Hall.

Carpenter Held

Redwood City police arrested Tony B. Pellizer, 36, 95 South El Dorado St., San Mateo, a carpenter, Friday on a charge of drunken driving after his automobile was involved in two accidents within 10 minutes.

He was apprehended at Bayshore Hwy. and Brewster Ave. and was still in the San Mateo County jail Saturday morning.

At 5:01 p. m. his automobile had struck the rear of one driven by William H. Stephanson, 79 Duane St., on Bayshore approximately a quarter mile south of Chestnut.

Proceding from this accident, the Pellizer car next sideswiped a car driven by Maude A. Raisin, 630 Hayne Rd., San Mateo, at 5:08 p.m.

Pellizzer did not have a driver's license.

Scout News

The following were additional boys from this area who were honored at the Boy Scouts court of honor last weekend:

Troop 160, San Carlos — Bill Schott, first class scout; Peter Jacobson, second class scout; Bob Seely, public health, fingerprinting, civics, merit badges; Bill Jackson, pigeon raising, merit badge; Wesley Gunion, finger printing, handicraft, merit badges.

Troop 153, San Carlos — Earl Garrett, star scout rank, home repairs, woodwork, carpentry, merit badges; Herbert Speizer, second class scout; Phil Shockley, pottery, scholarship, pioneering, pathfinding, civics, cooking, camping, merit badges; Bill Hagmeyer, swimming, merit badge.

Troop 154, San Carlos — Charles Davey, star scout rank, carpentry, home repairs, personal health, firemanship, woodwork, merit badges; Bob Matson, star scout rank, astronomy, reading, firemanship, personal health, safety, weather, merit badges; Gordon Gibbons, star scout rank, music, home repairs, pigeon raising, firemanship, reading, merit badges; Ted Sievers, second class scout; Larry Niswander, second class scout; John MacCabe, art, dog care, photography, first aid to animals, merit badges; Kent Homes, personal health, reading, firemanship, merit badges; Don Bolz, music merit badge; Forrest Hadley, music merit badge.

Troop 160, Redwood City — William Van Wagener, second class scout; Alfred Hirotsu, second class scout; Jack Brand, swimming merit badge; Dick Del Monte, cooking, pioneering, camping, bird study, lifesaving, music, athletics, swimming, merit badges; Arthur England, coin collecting, pottery, woodwork, public health, merit badges.

Troop 163, Menlo Park — Charles Kinsman, second class scout; Don Nowlin, second class scout, firemanship, merit badges; Don Tognazzini, second class scout, firemanship, horsemanship, merit badge; Chapin Cole, firemanship, merit badge; Harry Weber, firemanship, merit badge; T. G. Brown, scoutmaster, horsemanship, first aid, firemanship, merit badges; Ted Brown Jr., firemanship, horsemanship, merit badges; Charles Brown, firemanship, horsemanship, merit badges; William Brown, firemanship, horsemanship, merit badges; Billy Brown, firemanship, horsemanship, merit badges; Bernie Freeburg, firemanship, horsemanship, merit badges; Francis Wright, firemanship, horsemanship, merit badges; Alan Clark, horsemanship, firemanship, merit badges; Robert Covalo, firemanship, merit badge; Robert Licata, firemanship, merit badge; David Ness, firemanship, merit badge; Rowland King, firemanship, merit badge.

Zonta Meet

The initial meeting of the Redwood City Club of Zonta International was held Monday night at 13 Falcone Bldg. with the president, Irene Peterson, presiding.

Mrs. Amy Ewing Kruckel and Miss Margaret Perkins of the Berkeley Club and Mrs. Pearl Warner of the new San Mateo-Burlingame Club were guests.

Miss Perkins read the by-laws of the Berkeley Club to enable the members of this first classified service club which has come to Redwood City to have a definite plan to form their set of bylaws. Following a discussion, Bessie Hayes was appointed the chairman of the committee to form these bylaws for the Redwood City Club. She will be assisted by Hilda Schneider.

Meetings were set tentatively for twice a month. On the first Thursday of the month the group will meet for a luncheon meeting. The second meeting will be held on the third Monday evening of each month. Annette Byrne was appointed to arrange these meetings.

A board of directors meeting was held following the business meeting. The following chairmen were appointed: Elaine Bailey, attendance; Hilda Schneider, fellowship; Annette Byrne, finance; Ann Krueger, intercity; Doris Dean, membership; Bessie Hayes, program; Lauretta Hodge, service; Nelle Galvin, public affairs and status of women; Janet Mott, international relations.

The next meeting will be held May 19 at 13 Falcone Bldg.

Forum Letter

To the Editor:

Anent your editorial, "Complex Task in Citizenship" — truer words were never spoken or written — at least to my way of thinking or looking at it.

Due to inherent lack of interest on the part of the general public, which lack of interest is a foregone conclusion of all politicians and office holders, every evidence already points the way towards letting sleeping dogs lie. Result — the costs for making all those worthy surveys and beautiful plans are just additional items in the costs of maintaining our city, county, state and federal governments; i.e., in our taxes paid to each of the said governmental bodies.

All of this merely brings up the question how can or will the people express their collective sentiments on all the various complex and interesting topics? Yes, I am the individual who proposed "Town Hall." I again repeat that only through town hall can the people become aware of the import of governmental activities and in turn register their effective sentiments on each and every important topic. Once more I sound the call for interested people to come forward with a view to looking into the feasibility of establishing Town Hall right here in Redwood City.

Yours for Town Hall,
LOUIS WEISS.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Dr. Sydney B. Mitchell of Berkeley has written a new book, "Your California Garden and Mine," which gives readers the benefit of his nearly 40 years of horticultural experience in California, most of it in Berkeley.

For 12 years, Dr. Mitchell was president of the California Horticultural Society. It was his fine leadership which brought the society to its highest point in prominence and member interest. He still edits the society's Journal.

This 261-page book, published by M. Barrows & Co., will be a great boon to greenthumbers. It's authentic, covers a wide range of ornamental material, and what's most important of all — it's easy to understand and practical. (Don't you hate to take up a book which is so darned vague you can't make up your mind whether the author didn't know or didn't care?)

Certainly Dr. Mitchell is an authority on his subject, and his book is full of his own experiences.

"Gardening is a very personal affair, and your garden and mine, if they are really our own, are likely to be extensions of our personalities,, opportunities for self-expression, wonderful at best, harmless at least, where they will be by-products of beauty and of utility and of healthful recreation," Dr. Mitchell says in opening.

He goes on to say that he's always gardened for fun, and for that reason has left vegetable growing to those who enjoy it. That will be good news to greenthumbers who would rather grow flowers, shrubs, trees and are on the lookout for a good book that deals with exactly those things.

Probably no one has a wider friendship among the great specialists who have been — still are making horticultural history in California. His presidency of the Horticultural Society alone would have insured that. While the results of conversations and consultations with these specialists in all lines of ornamentals are in the book, you'll find them as personal experiences.

That's because Dr. Mitchell is a gardener's gardener. He has worked with the wide list of material covered in the book. For nearly 25 years in his present home in the Berkeley hills.

Dr. Mitchell has originated many fine things himself. Daffodils, irises, brooms among them. He was awarded the American Iris Society's medal for hybridizing in 1943. . . . As a matter of fact he lives next door to Salbach Gardens and there's no fence between. Dr. Mitchell has had a hand in many of the famous irises introduced by Salbach, I'm sure.

Whatever you like to grow, you'll probably find specific help in the new book, and you'll certainly find inspiration. Flowering fruits, flowering shrubs such as viburnums, tree peonies, weigelas, laburnum, mock oranges, hydrangeas, barberries, beauty bush, dogwood, lilacs. Chrysanthemums, fuchsias, geraniums, azaleas, camellias, annuals, tuberous begonias . . . the list is long and comprehensive.

There's a big chapter on spring-flowering bulbs which will be very helpful right now for many greenthumbers.

The final chapter is on "Gardens of My Dreams." Dr. Mitchell and I apparently dream differently because he writes: "I have never awakened from a vision of a garden in which the climate could be controlled by a switch, and sun, rain and fog turned on and off at will. I have never dreamed of a garden always in perfect bloom when visitors arrived; nor have I ever come out of a nightmare in which the elements or gigantic insects have destroyed the garden."

To each his own.

"Your California Garden and Mine" was supposed to have been in your bookstore by Monday, Apr. 28. Better get your copy immediately, because this is a book you'll want to keep, to have on hand for easy reference from day to day. It's a most appreciated contribution to our garden literature.

Holds Luncheon

Mrs. Paul Leigh, retiring second vice president of the Woman's Club, entertained the members of the board of directors at luncheon at the Allied Arts Guild Thursday.

The luncheon followed the executive meeting which was held at 10 a. m. and the board returned to the Clubhouse for the annual meeting for members only which was held at 2 p. m.

The luncheon was held out-of-doors and the table was set with a centerpiece of flowers and place cards for each guest.

Mrs. Leigh presented Mrs. Park Q. Wray, president of the Woman's Club, with a corsage.

Present at the luncheon were Mrs. Wray, Mrs. A. S. Liguori, Mrs. Max Gelber, Mrs. Bard S. Berry, Mrs. J. A. Walden, Mrs. A. H. Sagehorn, Mrs. Arthur Jonsen, Mrs. Lloyd O'Donnell, Mrs. William A. Turnbull and Mrs. Fred Blase.

County Relief

General relief to indigents in San Mateo County totalled $14,586 during 1946-47, California Taxpayers' Assn. said Monday.

During the first nine months of this fiscal year, July through March, $94,814 was paid out in the county for this one kind of relief.

For 1945-46, the last completed fiscal year, $42,080 was extended in general home relief to county indigents. Such aid in the county for 1945-46 the equivalent of 2.9 cents of the county tax rate of $1.3561 per $100 of taxable valuation for general purposes for 1945-46. Data for 1945-46 do not include miscellaneous supplemental aids.

Citizens' Night

Many hundred parents crowded Sequoia High School last Friday as Public Schools Week in Redwood City and the rest of the state drew to a close.

Aside from interviewing teachers, parents visited the many interesting displays and programs which were put on by the high school students and faculty.

On the front lawn members of the sewing classes put on a continuous fashion show starting at 7:30. All the dresses modeled by the girls were made in the classes. Summer styles ranging from "dressy" to beach togs were modeled by the girls.

Science displays centered around the biology and physiology rooms of Mrs. Anne Bigler and Mr. Lawrence Hatch. Students on the physiology class had an electrocardiagram machine and illustrated by means of actual photographs the heart pattern of diseased hearts, healthy hearts, and showed the difference between a smoker's and a non-smoker's heart. Biology students had frog dissections and other projects concerning their course of study on display. A model tannery, the project of Bill Beeger, was one of the features that drew much favorable comment from the parents.

Students of Mrs. Deborah Kiviaho's play production class had miniature sets on display and other material pertaining to their studies. Also evident was some of the preparation for the coming spring play, "Smilin' Through," which will be produced by the drama group this month.

Entries in the Spring Cultural or Arts Festival, which will be held at Sequoia May 12-16, were on display in Miss Louise Watkins' journalism room as well as samples of the school newspaper, the "Sequoia Times."

"The Sequoia Times" has been a prize winning paper for several years, and was recently awarded first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Assn. Contest. Its editor, Gordon Seely, was recently awarded a $250 scholarship by the San Francisco Press Club for submitting the best news story in their annual contest.

Shopwork and demonstrations of manual training procedure were witnessed by parents who visited Sequoia's extensive shop layout. Furniture and other useful pieces were on display in the woodshop, and the other shop courses had articles on view.

In the girls' gymnasium demonstrations of swimming, volleyball, and folk dancing were held. Girls from the physical education classes took part in this program.

Miss Louise Watkins was general chairman of the "Citizens' Night" committee.

Vets Warned

Floyd D. Granger, veterans service officer, Wednesday warned veterans who are in the market for homes to insist upon an inspection for termites or other infestations before becoming obligated for the purchase of property.

Such an inspection costs little, Granger said, and may save the veteran the cost of extensive repairs after he has secured the home. In some cases, veterans who did not take this precaution have had to pay as much as $500 for repairs.

If any infestation is shown by the inspection, the seller should be required to clear up the situation before any purchase agreement is signed.

Granger also advised veterans making a down payment on property to be purchased under federal or state veterans' financing plans to stipulate as part of the agreement that the money is to be refunded in case he is unable to complete the necessary loan.

Unless the agreement contains a notation such as "Subject to GI loan" or "subject to approval for purchase by the state," it may be possible, legally, for the seller to contend that the veteran is not entitled to the refund of his deposit if the loan is not approved.

Further information regarding these subjects and other advice in connection with home or farm purchases and veterans loans may be obtained at the Veterans Service Office, located at Redwood City in the San Mateo County Courthouse, daily from 9 to 5 and from 9 to 12 on Saturdays.

Surprise Shower

A surprise bridal shower was held Apr. 25 for Juanita Sifuentes who will become the bride of Vernie Paiz on May 18. The shower was held at the home of Mrs. Vincent Lopez and Mrs. Augustine Ochoa was the cohostess.

A shower cake was presented to Juanita by her sister, Mrs. Ramon Ramirez. Pink streamers and bouquets of calla lilies gave a festive air.

Present at the affair were the mothers of the young couple, Mrs. J. Sifuentes and Mrs. J. Paiz; Mmes. Isabell Jaurique, Angelina Garcia, Ida Hirsch, Margaret Medina, Eustalie Olmos, Isabel Rojas, Mary Alvarado, R. Gamez, Connie Gonzales, Helen Wilson, E. A. Knutz, L. Medina, M. Wiley, Eloisa Lopez, Adele Hernandez, F. Valdez, Bertha Purcell, Mary Hernandez, N. Gastelum, S. Trujillo, Robert Delgado, Lupe Mendivil, L. Ruelar, V. Miramontes, Sarah Flores, R. Huntington, T. Garcia, Louis Delgado, Angela Cardona, Esther Mendivil.

Present also were Misses Carrie Paiz, Mary Garcia, Lupe Ochoa, Ophelia Lopez, Velia and Rosie and Stella Palos, Eloise Rodrigues, Lillian Alvarron, Micky Trujillo, Mary Lou Sanchez, Leona Marconi, Anna Garcia, Lupe Terrzas and Selmita Ochoa.

Off to Europe

By BUD SPRUNGER

Frank Griffin, the Sequoia High School physical director, is just one big jumping mass of anitgens these days.

His arms are as perforated as a bush league infield, only with Griffin it's shots for various diseases he needs to protect himself from when he starts his four-month tour of Europe this Summer. It will be Griffin's 11th foreign tour, the fourth to Europe.

Right now he's protected from lockjaw, cholera, smallpox, diptheria, yellow fever, and possibly Argentine hoof and mouth disease and distemper. Griff doesn't really know what all he's protected from except that it's just about everything for which physicians have devised a shot.

Festivities start June 5 when he leaves San Francisco by plane for New York. On June 6 he leaves New York, again by plane, and on June 7 he'll be in Portugal.

After that the plan is subject to change without notice for any of a long list of reasons including food, climate and Griff's disposition.

He hopes, however, to see Portugal, Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy, maybe Germany, Northern France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England and Ireland before returning home in time for classes next Fall.

The purpose of all this, except for Griff's natural wanderlust, is somewhat vague.

He says he intends to study the Swiss and Swedish physical education systems. He doesn't say how he expects to correlate a Swiss skiing program with the Redwood City climate, where, so help this chamber of commerce, it never, no never, snows.

Griff says that he'll ascertain the situation in Glockamura for sure. He claims that when he returns with 30 rolls of color film he's taking there will be not a single doubt left concerning the river, that tree, or that girl. Positive information will be rendered on that stream which seems to be roaming all over the landscape like a milk train schedule.

Another investigation promised concerns the rate of exchange on francs at the Monte Carlo gambling casinos. Griff will return information which should be very, very valuable to Sheriff James J. McGrath and Dist. Atty. Gilbert Ferrell, who undoubtedly are interested in all phases of gaming.

In Spain there will be a full scale survey into the bull fighting situation and the physical education director, already known as an exceedingly able man in this sport, promises that the bull will be thrown . . . no alibi . . . it will be thrown.

Griffin also has visas to Greece and Turkey but a trip to those nations depends entirely on Griffin's physical and emotional condition.

There will definitely be no trip to the USSR. In a somewhat hurt tone, Griff explains, that evidently the Comrades don't savor his comradeship. The last time he was in their nation they tossed him into the clink, charging that in 1937 he was botlegging rubles. The investigtaion lasted 45 minutes and failed to turn up a single ruble on Griffin.

Nevertheless, Griffin got the idea they just didn't like him, and the fact that they evidently don't like anybody doesn't appear to excuse the situation. Griffin is not going back.

He will, however, venture into Italy where he had another unfortunate experience with what passed for law under the Fascists. Griffin that time neglected to register with the black shirt gendarmes and they cooled him off in a bastille for four hours before the noted Irish orator could talk his way out.

In Switzerland he intends to meet Al Bechet, former chain store manager in Redwood City, who it appears, has some good connections with people in Europe. Griffin says he may even speak the language for all Griffin knows.

The Folies Bergeres in Paris will also be surveyed from an educational angle. Griffin says he knows the girl, front row left. Since there has been a war meantime she may not be there, but Griffin hopes.

May Day

An assemblage of some 250 parents, children and guests helped the Portola School celebrate in traditional May Day style on the school grounds Thursday.

The king and queen, Toddy Phipers and Lida Lou Irvine, were crowned by William P. Johnson, principal of Walter Hayes School of Palo Alto. They presided over their court and awarded prizes to the winners of the costume parade. The parade included such figures as Charles Plain as the comic strip Little King, Jere Phipers as Little Bo-Peep, and Paul Kemper as a pirate.

The throne was decorated in royal blue against a background of spring colors and flowers.

A community pot luck lunch was served to all attending and the afternoon was spent in races, games and folk dances.

San Mateo County music director, Miss Works, provided the musical accompaniment for the dances and songs.

Judges were the Rev. Father John Meehan, Capt. Arnold S. True, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Buckley, Mrs. William Hamilton and Mr. Lloyd Davis.

Miss Pansy Jewett Abbott, county superintendent of schools, was among the honored guests of the day, Elsie the Cow was present also to serve ice cream donated by Pearl Morris.

Thanks were given by the committee to all who donated their time and efforts to make May Day a gala occasion for the children.

Books

BY HAZEL RICHARDSON

In the Hands of the Senecas, Walter D. Edmond's first novel since **Chad Hanna,** is an interesting departure from the usual lengthy, and often padded historical novel. Concisely and with terrific suspense he tells what happens to a group of women taken captive in an Indian raid on a New York town in 1778. Each woman's adventure is followed, but particular attention is given that of Delia, bride of a month, who is taken into an Indian household and married to an Indian chieftain. It is an extremely realistic story with a sound feeling of authenticity.

Garden to the Eastward by Harold Lamb is unsual and beautifully written. It is reminiscent of both Hilton's **Lost Horizon** and John Buchan's **Mountain Meadow.** A young intelligence officer on terminal leave at the end of the war follows a mysterious trail to Baghdad in search of the lost mountain of Araman. He finds the mountain and the surviving inhabitants of a lost race. He finds love, too, but a happy future is shadowed by threats of a new war even in this hidden idyllic spot.

One hopes that readers will not pass up **Command Decision** because it is a war novel. Written by William Wister Haines who served 33 months in the Air Corps, it is a short tense (to be read in one sitting) story of an American bomber command based in England and of the commander's efforts to finish a job in the face of top rank pressure, vacillation, uncertainties, and endless, senseless red tape.

Mystery fans will welcome a new Erle Stanley Gardner story called **Two Clues.**

West Coast Portrait is the work of 50 artists who present under one cover the fabulous beauties of the Pacific shoreline from California to Alaska. There are 250 views in etching, wood engraving, photography, and lithography of the Pacific Coast's mountains and valleys, deserts and beaches, and its thriving cities.

Jonathan Daniels, who discovered the South and New England for us in two delightful travel books, was the President's press secretary during World War II. With a detached viewpoint he writes in **Frontier on the Potomac** a series of intimate essays on personalities and departments in Washington during a crucial period in history. Sometimes trivial but always interesting, he gives us a glimpse behind scenes we have not had from any other source.

Men Under Stress by Lt. Col. Roy Grinker is a record of important new discoveries evolved during and after the war in the treatment of men who cracked up as a result of "operational fatigue" —called "shell shock" after the first world war. This book explains the various types of neurotic disturbances men suffer from and the treatment (which has been until now a military secret) given them.

The United Nations, a Handbook on the New World Organization by Louis Dolivet is exactly what its title implies. It is written simply and objectively and outlines the structure, purpose, powers, and limitations of the United Nations, "our last best hope." The book contains charts and appendices with the text of the charter, the statutes of the court, and a list of key personnel.

Cape Cod is said to have "a yarn for every grain of sand." To read Katharine Crosby's **Blue-Water Men** is to believe it. She explored the lesser known parts of the Cape, making friends with and getting the stories of the half dozen grand "old salts" left, the ones who carried the flag to the limits of the known world. Those who know the Cape will enjoy this, and those who have never been will wish to go.

Dinner Meet

The men of the First Christian Church have organized themselves into a Laymen's League, and held their first regular dinner meeting last Friday at the North Fair Oaks Community Church. Alvin Braden, executive secretary of the League for Northern California, gave the address of the evening and assisted the men in making application for their state charter. Harry Davis conducted the singspiration session. The president, Harold Proctor, was master of ceremonies. Other officers include Paul Alvord, vice president; F. H. Adam, secretary, and V. P. Brockhouse, treasurer.

The Friday night meeting was attended by 20 men and was served by the women of the North Fair Oaks Church.

First Christian Church has applied for a building permit and expects to start construction this Summer of the first unit of the church home at Brewster and Lowell. The congregation meets now on Sundays at the Woman's Club, 149 Clinton St. Clyde Plants is chairman of the board, Henry Sandham is superintendent of the Sunday school, and Charles E. Hannan is the pastor.

Avert Tieup

New efforts to avert a threatened May 15 strike of Bay Area machinists were started yesterday by two federal conciliators.

Robert Williams and V. Wayne Kenaston met in Oakland with negotiators for the International Assn. of Machinists and the California Metal Trades Assn.

If a strike were called, it would affect all machinists in San Mateo County. Among the plants in this area which would be most seriously affected would be National Motor Bearing Co. and Pacific Portland Cement Co. in Redwood City and Dalmo Victor in San Carlos.

1941 DODGE ½-ton pickup, just out of paint shop, best buy on Peninsula. 529 Vista Ave., San Carlos.

2 bedrm. nice home, partly furn., on large lot outside city; garage, utilities, nice yard, near bus, good district, ½ blk. off Stockbridge. No agents. Owner, 506 Sequoia, Redwood City.

ATTENTION, HORSEMEN
FOR SALE—High class boarding stable for horses, located in the heart of the Peninsula near Redwood City. Approximately nine acres, adjacent to best riding trails; equipped with 7-room modern home, stable and living quarters for help. Ample size to accommodate 20 to 25 horses. Surrounding property owned by horse loving people. Price on application to suitable buyers. Box 358, Tribune.

WRITER'S Hilltop Studio in Belmont with commanding view of entire Bay Area. Large living rm. & bdrm. 2-car garage, central heat, stove & refrig. Wide, level lot, pine trees. Full price, $10,500. Paul H. Gardiner, Broker, 888 El Camino, Belmont. Ph. Belmont 2018.

WELLESLEY Park 7-rm. family home on lot 55x165. Incl. 3 bdrms., 1½ baths, living rm., dining rm. & den. Rental 3 rm. apt. over 2-car gar. & hobby rm. Near shops, transp. Full price $20,000. Open for inspection Sunday 1 to 5. 113 Somerset nr. Edgewood or see Paul H. Gardiner, Broker, 888 El Camino, Belmont. Ph. Belmont 2018.

PONTIAC, 1942, radio, heater, foglights, $1475. 1548 Sunnyslope Drive, Belmont.

RADIO receiver, navy model RAK-7; transmitter, navy model GP-7. Unused. Ideal for hams. 286 Ferndale, RC 1727-J.

'38 Ford 4-door Sedan. 12,000 miles, new motor, radio, $550. See Mickey, Richfield station, Fifth Ave. and Middlefield, Redwood City.

FOR SALE—1937 Ford Coupe, 85 H.P. motor, excellent condition. New transmission, spot light, radio. Price $500. Phone 1201, 6 Madrona Dr., San Carlos.

WANTED—Grand piano in excellent condition for use by Stanford Music Dept. Steinway or Mason and Hamilton preferred. Ph. Palo Alto 6731.

COCKER puppies, registered. 1207 Godetia Dr. Phone Wdse. 856.

DRAPES, hand blocked cotton $23 a pair. 104 Acacia St., San Carlos.

SPINDRIER washer for sale. 3190 Broadway. Call after 3 p.m.

AIRPLANE, make offer. B.T. 15. Lic., all metal, 2-way radio. N.C. 67730. See at S.C. Airport. Call S.M. 5-1628 or eve. 7703.

ROOM and board, gentlemen, nicely furnished guest house in rear, walking dist. business center. Ph. RC 2344-W.

ATTRACTIVE, comfortable bedroom, close in on bus line, 2102 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City.

FOR Rent, sleeping room. 509 Stambaugh, Redwood City.

ROOM and board for gentleman, Palo Alto 2-4410. 661 Live Oak, Menlo Park.

ROOM and board, doubles and triples, $15 a week. Lunches packed. Menlo Park. P. A. 2-2664.

MODERN veneer bedroom suite with innerspring mattress, reasonable. Mrs. F. J. Schuhe, Palo Alto 2-3735.

Davenport, big chair, burgundy summer slip covers, blue floral print, gd. cond., $75. Youth bed, sprg. matt., maple, $20. Phone SC 1817-W. Can be seen at 928 Woodland, San Carlos.

5 rooms of furniture for sale as a whole. Call Monday and Tuesday, 1130 Main. Phone RC 1809-M.

DRESSMAKER-HELPER wanted. Call or write to M. Masters, RFD 2, Box 2316. Phone RC 3864.

NURSE, white, care for boys 4 and 5, own room and bath, $100 up, depending on experience. Ph. RC 3740-M. Rt. 1, Box 421, Redwood City.

PRACTICAL Trained nurse, day or hour. RC 4885-J. Call mornings except Wednesday.

NEW lawns and general gardening and clean-up jobs. Ph. RC 4522-W. 1194 King St., R.C.

Furn. cottage by vet and wife, will do gardening & care for children eves. Janelle Hanson, Box 655, Redwood City.

APT., employed couple, vicinity Fox Shoppe. No children or pets. Ph. R.C. 858. F. Anderson.

LOST: At Hawes Park Sunday, gold band wrist watch. Reward. Ph. RC 1072-M. 266 King St.

SMOKE SHOP
Sacrifice owing to illness in family. Will sell at less than cost. BENJAMIN PFEIFFER, 1248 San Carlos Ave., SC 1791-1749R.

A particular landlord can rent or lease 2 bedroom home to responsible local business man. no children. San Carlos preferred. Phone days RC 549, eves. San Carlos 1042.

WANTED TO RENT—Home for school vacation. Four in family. Ph. SKyline 5514, or write 37 Jordan Avenue, S. F.

VETERAN, wife, 6 mos. old baby, desperately in need of house or apt., furn. or unfurn. Phone RC 3782.

PLEASE take pity, now living in a house with 3 other families, would like small house or apt. for Jack and me and baby make three. 929 Elm St., San Carlos. Phone 1044-W. Good references.

TWIN Beds, new home, breakfast privileges, working couple or 2 girls. 1069 Vera St., Ph. RC 4996-J.

ROOM & Board for 3 gentlemen, fr. bdrm. and guest hse. in rear. Walking dist. to business dist. Ph. RC 2444-W. 136 Grand St.

BUSINESS, industrial lot for lease, 50x106, near Bayshore Hwy., R.C. 1004 Rosewood Ave., San Carlos.

218 Bee Winchester rifle, 330 scope. Singer hand vacuum cleaner. 1020 Holly St., Phone San Carlos 189-J.

T-Tractor 10-20 Internat. and 6' disk harrow, good cond. RC 266-W or call 724 Second Ave. after 4:30 p.m., all day Sunday

Wash. mach., good cond, $40; 1 man's, 1 girl's bicycle, $10 ea.; 10 sections 8x4 ft. rdw. picket fencing. Make offer. 21 Hillview Ave. Ph. EM. 6-5454.

PERSIAN KITTENS, SILVERS. Pedigreed. 407 First Ave. Phone RC 2939-W.

HIGHWAY GARAGE
Low Rent. Priced Right. See BENJAMIN PFEIFFER
1248 San Carlos. SC 1791-1749-R

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Garden

By HOLLY LANGLEY

The last Friday in April, April 25, that is, has been officially designated as Arbor Day in California. Charles J. Burr says the California Association of Nurserymen sponsored the bill which the State Legislature has passed.

In the past, we've had Arbor days, but because there was no official recognition, activity has been rather spasmodic, with no real drive or general ceremony.

Let's hope that schools particularly will sponsor Arbor Day in future with plantings which will make California even more beautiful by the time the youngsters grow up.

According to my trusty almanac, Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska, in 1872, when more than a million trees were set out in that state. The idea has spread, but on various dates. It's a legal holiday in Arizona and Nebraska.

Just why the last Friday in April was designated as Arbor Day in California has not yet been revealed here. For widespread planting I'd have picked an earlier date. This is too late for setting out the deciduous trees bare root. Indeed all stock, evergreen too, could well be planted earlier.

However, a large number of things to set out this Arbor Day are available. Charles J. Burr, closely associated with the nurseryman industry in Northern California, would suggest eucalyptus, acacia and camphors. He says these are being planted to such advantage here in California that people from the East believe they are California natives.

Do you know, for sure, to which countries they are native? Well, acacias are found in many parts of the tropics, but those in California are native to Australia. So are the eucalyptus. The camphors are native to China and Japan.

Eucalyptus globulus is the important industrial variety in California, and the most widely planted for ornamentation. The wood — gum — is popular for flooring and indoor house trim. You could have a whole forest of eucalypti without any two trees the same variety.

Mrs. M. B. Mitchell writes: "I'm not trying to disprove your theories —only the experiences that oftentimes are opposite to theories are, I think, interesting. Don't you?

"I've read various articles about being careful about smoking around tomato plants and planting them near petunias. But I've had some experiences with petunias which seem to be the exception.

"Our vegetable garden is on a terrace on the upper end of our hillside lot and away from any flowers—but all of a sudden, peeking out from a hydrangea appeared two healthy tomato plants and about 15 feet away, at the edge of the lawn, we found another. In this section of the garden I have had petunias, so tomatoes and petunias were rather a mystic maze. However, both did well. The petunias had their blooming season, and the last of the tomatoes were picked from the vines on New Year's Day, and then I cut the vines, hung them in the garage and had tomatoes as they ripened for still another month.

"Even my father, who has grown vegetables all his life in San Mateo County, admitted it was most unusual. And here is where the smokers in their use of tobacco fit in.

"Up until five years ago my father smoked as much as a pack of cigarettes a day, and then just stopped entirely. His work is gardening for a livelihood, and he smoked, even while working, and raised any kind and lots of tomatoes.

"Now he's stopped smoking and his luck has seemed to change. Maybe he should go back to smoking?"

Well, those theories aren't pets of mine. They were worked out through many tests and experiments by agricultural extension specialists and other research workers.

Since they've proven there's a danger in smoking—that tobacco mosaic, a virus disease, may be introduced, it seems better not to take the chance. The same with growing petunias and tomatoes close together. It's proven that oftentimes the tomatoes will get sick.

New Club

The Community Service Club, a non-profit corporation, Tuesday filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk and listed as one of its purposes the desire to obtain "decent" liquor, which it alleges has been stopped by bootleggers.

"Since the repeal of the 18th amendment we are unable to obtain decent wine, beer and liquor within 1½ miles of the Soldiers' Home, where bootleggers have doubled their vice in liquor since the repeal," the articles stated.

The club also listed as its objectives:

Proposed aid to ex-service men and families to get jobs and to care for those not otherwise cared for by public charity.

"To maintain a club where we may have dancing, entertainment, card games, pool tables and other games of chance; also to maintain a bar room where members and guests may enjoy beer, wine and liquor at a reasonable price for which we will assess each member in advance . . . so as not to conflict with Senate Bill 1804 and its amendments.

"In general to devote its efforts toward the establishment, maintenance and support of a better state, county, city and national government."

The club lists itself as nonpartisan and non-sectarian and proposes to operate in San Mateo County. The directors are Carl P. Lera, president, of San Bruno; Harry Lum, vice president, and William G. Gin, secretary-treasurer, both of San Francisco.

Books

The fiction this week offers something of a variety: a boisterous lusty novel about frontier Mississippi, a simply told story of Quaker pioneering in Illinois, and a sophisticated problem novel of modern life.

In **The Wild Yazoo** the author, John Myers, has about as good a time as his hero, a young adventurous rake who gets himself ostracized from Tidewater, Va., for activities best forgotten. He takes off for the unclaimed wilds of Mississippi and spends his first night there at notorious Natches-under-the-Hill. He soon becomes involved in the struggle to win on the frontier; a struggle in which only the strongest and quickest witted survive. It is a story, needless to say, full of action, romance, and colorful characters.

Very different is Elizabeth Emerson's **Good Crop**, a dignified chronicle of a Quaker family living in Eastern Illinois during the middle decades of the 19th century. The story is of William Rees and his wife, Rebecca, and their 11 children. At the end of a long life, filled with hardship and many disappointments, the fine old father can say with genuine happiness that, after all, "the good crop" has been that of his sturdy boys and girls.

The Left Hand Is the Dreamer by Nancy Ross is a smooth, intelligent piece of writing, very civilized and likely to be of great appeal to women readers. The heroine, Fredericka, in her thirties, with a husband and two children, finds her life at the beginning of the war secure and without significance. Her husband enlists and she returns to painting, which she had given up at her marriage. Through friendship with an Austrian refugee doctor, the whole of her aimless, luxurious suburban existence becomes clear to her, and, after a series of personal upheavals, she begins to build an honest, useful life.

There are so many weighty solutions in the air to our present perilous situation that it is refreshing and encouraging to find one which goes directly to the root of our ills: humanity. Lecomte du Nouy, a well-known philosopher, physicist and rcligionist, in his book, **Human Destiny**, urges a return to the dignity of human morals. He explores the history of evolution and concludes that man has completed his biological evolution. Man's tragedy is that his moral evolution has not caught up with his tremendous and terrifying advances in science.

Brandeis; A Free Man's Life by Alpheus Mason is a great biography in every sense: it is based on 15 years of devotion to its subject by the author, on access to private papers and letters, and to personal acquaintance with and the cooperation of Brandeis. Despite its scholarly and exhaustive character it makes exciting reading because of the very nature of Brandeis' life. He was from first to last the people's lawyer; he fought big interests from the beginning of his career, and when, after history making controversy, he was appointed to the Supreme Court, he served labor, social legislation, and the cause of freedom for 23 years.

What happens when a young American couple "adopt" a 21-year-old Indian boy from a primitive mountain village in Mexico and enroll him at the University of California makes the charming and adventurous story **Our Son, Pablo** by Alvin and Darley Gordon. Their "Good Neighbor" policy met such snags as on the evening when Pablo announced, "Tomorrow when I go to the university, please, I weel take your revolver. . . . Please, I weel keel my professor."

The book, though not world shaking, is a warm, humorous account of an experiment in good will.

Hears Atom Talk

The terrific force of atomic energy and how it may be used in the future was described to members of the San Carlos Kiwanis Club who were meeting this week for lunch at the Gables in Belmont. The speaker was Dr. Jacob Wiems, instructor of radio at the San Mateo Junior College, who was introduced by the dean of men of the college, Dr. Harold Taggert.

The luncheon was an inter-club meeting with Burlingame-San Mateo Kiwanis Club; Glenn Stern, past president, was program chairman. Members of Redwood City Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the San Carlos club, were also present.

At a board of directors' meeting last Friday plans were discussed to send a delegate to the Kiwanis International convention in Chicago, to be held the middle of June.

Members were reminded of charter night, May 19, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Ray Kidder is in charge of the dinner tickets.

Creek Hearing

The War Department Corps of Engineers will conduct a hearing May 20 at 10 a. m. in the Redwood City city hall on a proposal that the existing port improvement project be modified.

Port Mgr. A. A. Moran said the port has requested the project be modified to include a new turning basin near the junction of Redwood Creek and Boundary Slough, opposite the Sequoia Yacht Club.

He explained that vessels using the present turning basin can back out of control into wharfs at the port. The proposed turning basin would make it possible for them to turn north of the wharfs and then return under control to the wharf area. Vessels using the present basin must back up as part of the turning maneuver and while backing a vessel is out of control from the bridge.

Since the Leslie Salt Co. proposed to construct a new wharf near the new basin, should the engineers construct the new basin, the modified plan would also have greater commercial value, Moran said.

Commuter News

BY JOE CABOOSE
(Always Last on the Train)

We buy a lot of shoes for a lot of little feet—and some not so little—in the course of a year; and we're burned to a crisp over having to pay $8.05 for one pair of child's shoes in a Redwood City store Saturday. In fact, we had to buy three pairs of children's shoes Saturday, and for the second pair we paid over $5.

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Three or four weeks hence, according to the mortality rate on shoes around the Caboose cabin, we'll have to do this all over again, plus an extra pair or two for Mom or the old man, or one of the other kids whom we missed this Saturday. In short, shoes alone are quite an item in the Caboose household, and we like to spread the business around because all local shoe dealers are fine gentlemen and our personal friends. We also like to eat once in a while, and make an occasional payment to Carl Ward.

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The point is, we bought these shoes Saturday from a chain store which specializes in "low-priced" shoes. We bought the cheapest shoes we could get that couldn't be pulled apart with the baby's bare hands. And we had to pay $5 to $8 a pair! In three to four weeks there won't be enough left of them to know whether they were shoes or something the cat dragged in.

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This is not an indictment of the Redwood City merchants. On the whole, prices in Redwood City are on a par with prices elsewhere. On some items, both in clothing and groceries, they are lower than in San Francisco and other Peninsula communities. What burns us is this continued unnecessary price gouging and the utter ruthlessness with which the National Assn. of Manufacturers tries to justify it.

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The NAM, you will recall, is the altruistic organization, which spent millions of dollars to repudiate OPA and embarrass the Truman administration, arguing NAM was the "people's friend," and once OPA was eliminated prices would fall through "increased production and honest competition."

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Now that President Truman is reminding NAM and big business generally of their promises and obligations, and exhorting them to lower prices, they accuse him of "playing politics with prices." Earl Bunting, NAM's president, has the effrontery to charge that costs continue upwards because of government interference.

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Here's a stockholders' report from one big NAM corporation: ". . . We are pleased to call your attention to the accompanying check. This rate (of dividend) is double the rate of the 23 consecutive previous quarterly dividend payments. . . ." This report is typical of hundreds of corporations (members of NAM) who have increased or doubled dividend payments in the past 12 months. But the prize example of double-talk justifying exorbitant profits is the following (from Wall St. Journal, Apr. 14):

"R. H. Macy & Co. profits were sharply higher for the first half of the fiscal year, Jack I. Straus, president, reported. He attributes the rise to 'unusual circumstances', a higher average sales check, increased volume and absence of normal markdowns. . . . For 12 months to Feb. 1, Macy's reported $5.94 a share, compared with $2.53 the previous year. MR. STRAUS RENEWED HIS APPEAL TO RETAILERS AND MANUFACTURERS FOR LOWER PRICES, CHARGING PRESENT HIGHER-THAN-NORMAL PROFITS SHOULD BE REDUCED TO AVERT A DEPRESSION." (Caps are ours.)

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Straus more than doubles his profits and then renews his appeal for lower prices. That's typical NAM-Bunting strategy—the mouthing of pious platitudes, meanwhile pocketing all the traffic will bear. John Q. Public may soon decide that the National Assn. of Manufacturers, like Communism, is one of the things America can get along without. If businessmen, both manufacturers and retailers, don't clean their own house, the people will clean it for them.

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Among local stores visited Saturday was Hearne's, "Style Leaders of the Peninsula," and through a thick Donegal brogue we understood Jim to say they served tea and cake at three. We dropped in again in mid-afternoon and learned that Jim and his crony, Doc O'Neill, were over on the corner allegedly drinking tea.

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The Commuters have a new columnist in Jack (Espee) Welch who writes for a throw-away called the "Peninsula." We're always being surprised. We knew Jack could read but didn't know he could write. He also plays the violin. Good luck, fellow scribe! . . . Fred Hengehold is running around in a new Pontiac . . . Hot weather May 1 turned Frank Hull's house committee meeting into a delightful garden party, enjoyed by all. . . . Paul Allen will entertain the directors at his San Carlos Eaton Ave. home tomorrow evening.

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Two radical changes in Commuter Club monthly dinner dates —the May meeting, featuring a speaker and the annual election, will be held at Ramor Oaks Thursday May 15, instead of May 8; and the big annual installation party, usually held in June, will be held May 29 at the Pioneer Inn at Woodside. Finally, Duke Martin and George Raubinger are planning their annual house committee clambake some time soon at their joint cabin in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Which will be no place for sissies, believe us!

Birthday Surprise

Mrs. Rachel Horne of 1645 James Ave. was surprised on her birthday Friday when friends arrived to help her celebrate with an afternoon of cards.

Attending the surprise party were Mmes. J. Faso, James Richter, Martin Person, John Arneth, O. Lindstrom, C. W. Hanners, Julio Hallo, Robert Young, A. Wold, Charles Barton, Charles Demore, L. Helling, L. Dahlin, E. Anderson, B. Dicklander, Elna Dahlin and Bob Craboski and Stanford and Stanley Hall.

Relief Law Proposed

Redwood City city councilmen Monday authorized City Atty. Cuthbert Currie to bring in a disaster relief ordinance. The move was advocated by a disaster relief committee made up of Councilman Floyd D. Granger, City Mgr. E. W. Blom and Police Judge W. H. Thorpe.

The committee pointed out that under terms of a state law, volunteers working under the ordinance would be compensated should they become injured while assisting disaster rescue work. At present they would not be.

Granger said volunteers could be enrolled at no expense to the city by the fire and police departments and when such an ordinance was in force would be protected. He said the fire and police departments could work up some kind of a preparation program similar to the wartime air raid protection system.

Council also:

Awarded a contract to the Gabriel Construction Co., San Francisco, for the installation of sewers on Valota Rd. The firm bid $7443.34 on the job.

Dropped from its agenda a petition that Oakwood Park No. 2 be rezoned from second to first residential. The area is on both sides of Oakwood Dr. between El Camino Real and Oakwood Blvd.

City Clerk Ralph S. Dodge said that in accordance with a council order, he had circularized property owners on the question. Of 18 cards or letters covering 24 parcels, Dodge obtained 13 replies. Eleven owners favored the change, seven were opposed. There were two votes from the floor against the change from property owners who claimed they didn't receive cards.

Werder urged that the matter be dropped until property owners reach an agreement among themselves.

Introduced an ordinance which would rezone all of Oakwood Park No. 1 from second to first residential. This area is adjacent to Oakwood Park No. 2 and is completely surrounded by an oval formed by Oakwood Blvd. West and Oakwood Blvd. East.

Approved job specifications urged by City Mgr. E. W. Blom covering these positions—city collector, street foreman, parking meter service man, watchman at the port, deputy assessor, park and building superintendent.

Passed a resolution approving plans for the acquisition by the city of three land parcels which the city intends to use as an entry way for a proposed parking lot between Jefferson Ave. and Main St. back of the city hall.

Passed a resolution of preliminary intention to pave Johnson St. and alleys in four blocks. Johnson would be paved between Roosevelt and Oak Aves.

One alley is in two blocks which are surrounded by Harrison and Jefferson Ave. and Cleveland and Adams Sts. Another alley is in a block bounded by Jefferson and Jackson Aves. and Fulton and Cleveland Sts. The last alley is in a block bounded by Madison and Vera Aves., Fulton and Cleveland Sts.

Introduced an amendment to the salary ordinance which would include the positions of collector, parking meter service man, deputy assessor, street foreman and assessment district inspector in that ordinance.

Approved a recommendation by Blom that the City of San Carlos be informed that after July 1 Redwood City will no longer furnish animal shelter services to San Carlos. Blom said Redwood City had been furnishing this service for $25 a month.

Instructed the city animal shelter man not to sell any dog unless he is certain the purchaser intends to use the animal only as a pet. This move was taken to guard against the use of dogs by vivisectionists.

Received letters from Sen. H. L. Parkman and Assemblyman Richard Dolwig acknowledging receipt of city resolutions favoring the passage of state bills which would provide funds for city recreation programs.

Granted the Sequoia Cab Co. 180 additional days in which to obtain vehicles to fill the seven permits the company holds.

Granted an application by C. A. Weltner, Weltner Motor Co., to transfer a used car permit to 931 El Camino Real. Weltner told councilmen he intends to use his present used car lot merely as a customer parking lot.

Agreed to grant D. S. (Nick) Fabbro permission to install two apartments in a building at 520 Arguello St. if Fabbro can obtain permits from fire and building inspectors and if the project would not cost more than 20 per cent of the value of the existing house.

Swore in Mrs. S. S. Mayo, Mrs. Anna Bennett Robb and Richard McIntosh as members of the park and recreation commission.

Swore in John R. Ball as a member of the traffic and safety commission.

Heard Blom report that he is still negotiating in efforts to obtain easements for the city on Standish and Howland Sts.

Voted to wait for a planning commission recommendation before considering an application from Safeway Stores Inc. for permission to construct a grocery store at Arch St. and Brewster Ave.

Authorized Blom to negotiate further with the Southern Pacific Co. on a plan to convert Butcher Field into a commuter parking lot. Blom said the railroad wants to make the lot a no-charge one for commuters. The city, he continued, would approve this if the SP would help bear the cost of improvements.

British Policies Hit

Rabbi Elliot Burstein denounced British policies in handling the Palestine problem when he addressed the Redwood City Exchange Club Tuesday. Stressing the sufferings of his people in Europe during the last war, he argued that the Jews seek some refuge—some door that will be open to them—in times of stress. They have turned to their homeland, Palestine.

He said 85 per cent of the Jewish people are Zionist or pro Zionist.

The Jews of Palestine feel completely cornered, he declared.

"I know some of the terrorists among them," he announced, "but the terror would end if Great Britain would admit the 100,000 of our people still in concentration camps."

Rabbi Burstein was introduced by Glen Brunson.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jordan, 1250 Godetta Dr., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dee Frakes, 826 Hudson St., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Westwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Rock, 27 Greenwood Lane, Redwood City, a daughter was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on Apr. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henderson, 50 Hampton Court, Redwood City, a son was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on Apr. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stumbaugh, 332 Poplar Ave., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nobler, 644 Alameda, Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mark, Route 1, Box 710, Portola Rd., Redwood City a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dan E. Hewitt, 664 Sunset Way, Redwood City, a daughter was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on Apr. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Duncanson, Box 523 Canfield Rd., San Carlos, a daughter was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on Apr. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd, 325 University Dr., Menlo Park, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Apr. 21.

Pro America Tea

Members of the San Mateo County Unit of Pro-America attended a large tea Wednesday afternoon at "Filoli," the William P. Roth estate in Woodside.

After viewing the gardens on the estate, the 400 women attending adjourned to the spacious dining room where the tea table was set. Assisting Mrs. Roth at the table were Mrs. Marshall Madison, Mrs. Eugene M. Prince, and Mrs. Lawrence Harris.

Adrian S. Ward, superintendent of San Mateo County social service division, analyzed categorical aids to needy children, which are handled by his department. He also explained the general procedure of the welfare office.

In charge of arrangements were Mrs. J. Lindsay Hanna, Mrs. Richard Heimann, Mrs. Lyle D. Wise, Mrs. Augustus Taylor Jr., unit chairman; Mrs. William L. Holloway, Mrs. Robert D. Stetson, Mrs. Clayton Westbay, Mrs. Herbert Schick, Mrs. Claude Rolfe, Mrs. A. S. Kalenborn, Mrs. Edmund King, Mrs. Walter Drewell, and Mrs. H. T. Stewart.

Name Streets

The San Mateo County Planning Commission ran into trouble Friday over the proposed changing of street names in South San Mateo County.

Protests were received concerning the new names for five of the streets, Frank Skillman, commission secretary, said. However, the rest of the changes, for about 20 streets, will be given to the board of supervisors for approval.

The new names should go into effect about July 1, Skillman declared.

Residents of North Palo Alto rose up in arms over the proposed change of Live Oak Ave. to Agrifolia Ct.

The kids in the area have started calling the street "Hydrophobia Court," the residents told the commission. A suggested change that the street be named Short St. was recommended and probably will be approved, Skillman said.

Another change, Santiago Ave. to Marymont Ave. in Woodacre Knolls west of Atherton, was opposed by 11 residents. Skillman said that Santiago Ave is duplicated in Atherton, and that he would ask the Atherton council to change the name. Both streets are in the Menlo Park Fire Dist.

The proposal to change Acacia Rd. to Robinia Ave. in the Emerald Lake area was opposed by residents who claim that the first name is more appropriate, due to the many acacia trees.

In North Redwood City, residents protested two changes.

The Bay Center Sales Co. Inc. opposed the change of Center St. to Oregon St. on the grounds that the name has been incorporated into the firm's title.

One resident protested changing California St. to Washington St. on the grounds that he believes the subdivision should be associated with San Carlos rather than Redwood City. The mailing address is Redwood City, but the telephone exchange for the area is San Carlos.

New Building

Building permits were issued during April for new construction totaling $1,748,662 in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County, A. W. Russell, county building inspector, reported Friday.

The April figure brings the year's total construction to $7,428,480.

The permits were issued for construction of 174 new homes, valuation $1,435,300; for 48 additions to homes at $72,100; and 59 non-residential buildings valued at $241,262.

Of the permits issued, 291 were for building, 515 were for plumbing, 430 for electrical work, and 123 for gas installation. The total fees collected by Russell's office was $9182.

PTA Convention

The 48th annual convention of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers is in general session this week in the Long Beach municipal auditorium, presided over by the state president, Mrs. Rollin Brown of Los Angeles.

The official delegates from the 17th district include the president, Mrs. M. G. Strohmeier of San Mateo; first vice president, Mrs. Edward Styskel of Burlingame; director of education, Mrs. S. S. Mayo of Redwood City; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. J. Sirex of San Carlos.

Over 40 delegates representing the units of San Mateo County are in attendance and more than 2500 delegates from throughout the state were expected to register.

A number of outstanding speakers is expected to develop the convention theme, New Frontiers."

Mrs. John E. Hayes of Twin Falls, Ida., first vice president of the National Congress, addressed the opening session with her development of the theme, "Well Traveled Roads to New Frontiers." Mrs. Hayes has established a knowledge of the roads to new frontiers in various fields of our nation's growth through her years of parent-teacher experience in state and national branches, her activity in civic affairs both state and national, and her work as an educator. She is the author of a voiume of poems, "Lure of the Trail" and of numerous articles, short stories and poems which have appeared in magazines and newspapers.

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, president of the University of California, speaking on the subject, "New Frontiers to a Free World," highlighted the first session of the three-day convention on Wednesday.

Dr. Arthur G. Coons, president of Occidental College, will lead a panel discussion, "New Frontiers of Learning." Other participants will be Mrs. Erma Pixley, supervisor of curriculum, Los Angeles city schools, and Mr. Meyer E. Fishman, executive director of Jewish Centers Assn., Los Angeles.

Mussel Warning

Dr. Charles C. Gans Friday issued a warning against the eating of mussels.

A state quarantine on mussels went into effect yesterday and will continue until Oct. 31. Dr. Gans said that because of a microscopic organism the mussels now contain a deadly poison.

One person died after eating mussels last year in San Mateo County, and two deaths from the same cause were reported three days after the quarantine ended in 1945.

Stanford Dance

A capacity crowd enjoyed the Peninsula Stanford Club's annual spring dance held at the Hillsborough Racquet Club on Saturday. Committee members who put the last-minute touches on the affair included Bob McRoskey, chairman; Ray Daba, and Walter Jack, club president.

Highlight of the evening was the excellent entertainment furnished by campus talent under the direction of Bob Ashley, Ramshead president. The two leads from the forthcoming Stanford musical show, Nancy Toll and Bob Gettys, delighted their audience with several vocal numbers. Newton Arnold of Palo Alto presented an original humorous pantomime.

Blues numbers were rendered by Shirley Sleeper, Stanford's favorite torch singer, who has an unusual bold vocal tone. Don O'Neill, clever pianist in the Art Tatum style, was accompanist.

Art Shapiro, announcer on Stanford's own KSU, was master of ceremonies. The GI background of all the men in the show was illustrated in his own numbers, "J'attendrai," "Lili Marlene," and a Russian monologue.

Surprising hit of the evening was the last performance, given by Roger Starr, Navy veteran and former V12 student who enters medical school next quarter. His "Night and Day" and "Begin the Beguine" displayed a delightful romantic tenor voice.

Art Wiedners local orchestra furnished music for dancing.

Bond Campaign

The Citizens' Advisory Committee for the San Carlos bond issue is at present gathering information about the bond issue election and making plans to inform voters, according to Fred Drake, cochairman of the group.

A meeting of the entire committee, which is made up of representatives of San Carlos civic groups, is to be held on May 22, Drake said.

The committee was organized at the request of Mayor Patrick J. Kearns, who appointed Drake and William Klose, president of the chamber of commerce, as cochairmen.

Drake said that a house to house campaign is being considered at present, with various members of the committee covering different parts of the city.

San Carlos voters are to decide on three bond issues totaling more than $500,000 and a civil service ordinance, on June 10.

The bond issues are a $190,000 recreation project, a $245,000 sewage disposal plant and $88,000 for remodeling the city hall.

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Garden

By ROLLY LANGLEY

For pure insight and human interest, a salute to the Mt. Diablo Men's Garden Club for their "Casa Diablo" scene at the Spring Garden Show. The boys came up with something in that beat up garden that caught the eye and held it. . . Tops in showmanship—and most welcome comedy relief.

Two fellows stood in front of me taking in the set. At last one looked at the other, and as they moved off he said, "Harry, that looks too darned much like my garden." And Harry replied, "Funny I was thinking they might have gotten their idea from mine."

The backdrop of the slovenly porch with the ruined piano, and deftly brought to immediate attention by the clothes line leading out was excellent. The old rocking chair with worn slippers . . . the hard-packed adobe with geraniums . . . the washtub and washboard, realistically left in position after the washing was done. . . .

The potties in two sizes hanging on nails in the wall, the pitiful vegetable garden—chard going to seed, sun-burned lettuce, the milk-carton transplants sunken while the cartons stand out in ugly relief, the poor old strawberry plants, needing water, needing lower planting. . . .

Gentlemen of the Mt. Diablo Men's Garden Club, you did a great job, and owe your designer much respect.

E. M. Werckshagen writes that the Hillview Nursery in Palo Alto now carries Tarragon plants. (Note Mrs. N. M. Davis.)

Also from Palo Alto, E.M.W. sends three rose leaves with rust getting well advanced. . . . The treatment for roses which green-thumbers can most easily follow is to start immediately, and without fail continue every week to spray the bushes with a fungicide to control rust and mildew (one containing copper leaves the bushes looking nicest) and nicotine or pyrethrum to get the sucking insects.

When rust attacks, it's necessary sometimes to defoliate the entire bush, spray, and hope the bush can withstand the shock and send out new, clean leaves. . . .

J. M. Church Walker of Palo Alto planted Pearl Harbor tomato seeds out of doors on Mar. 22, without regard to the position of the moon. They broke ground Apr. 16—75 of them. He's checking with us, because some held back and didn't plant until later because the moon phase was "wrong."

Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss notifies us that the newly organized Hayward Garden Club made H. J. Kent proxy, set first Thursdays at 8 in the Markham school cafeteria for meetings. Membership open. Guest speakers, flower garden problems, arrangements—and refreshments will feature each meeting. . . . (Too bad we received word too late to help for the May 1 meeting.)

D. G. Bates writes: "I'm writing to ask you a problem. We have two evergreen trees (one on either side of our doorway), that we planted late in 1945. Both of them grew considerably last year, but since the last part of Winter we've noticed that one is drooping and turning brown in many spots. Since we've taken the same care of both of the trees, we can't understand what is wrong. Is there any way we can save this tree? How often should evergreen trees be watered in Summer and Spring?"

We should know what kind of trees they are, but in any event, we know that fungicide treatment might help. We know that it may be a difference in soil conditions—that the roots on one tree may be getting a bad break. . . . That if it's a disease the other tree may soon get it too, unless preventive sprays are thoroughly applied . . . that evergreens like good drainage, but should always have a damp soil.

How about planting more snap beans this week? Will you have squash all Summer? You can . . . just keep some coming young every three or four weeks. Not much . . . just a few plants will do for most families.

Forum

"The State Department; Uncle Sam's First Line of Defense" will be the topic discussed at the meeting of the Peninsula Forum in the auditorium of the San Mateo Junior College Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Speaker will be Dr. Malcolm R. Eiselen, professor of political science at the College of the Pacific, Stockton.

The talk will include an evaluation of George C. Marshall as secretary of state, a discussion of the functions and organization of the diplomatic and consular services, and suggestions for the improvement of "our first line of defense."

Dr. Eiselen, chairman of the social science department of the college is, in addition to being a college professor, an author and lecturer. He was graduated from Northwestern University and the University of Pennsylvania. He specializes in the field of American history and government and has been heard before by Forum audiences.

Robert R. Ross, chairman of the Forum, states that the meeting will be open to the public without charge of admission. There will be a question period of audience participation at the conclusion of the formal address.

Named in Suit

A suit, asking for $27,639 damages, was filed Friday in superior court against Dr. W. H. Musselman of South San Francisco Hospital.

The suit was filed by Frank W. Prideaux of 467 Baden Ave., South San Francisco, guardian of Paul Spiros, 19.

The complaint charges that Dr. Musselman "did not use due and proper care or skill in endeavoring to cure" the youth. The complaint also states that Dr. Musselman diagnosed the boy's sickness to be sprain of the muscles of the left ankle, but that Spiros developed osteomyelitis.

Sold for $80,000

The sale of 28.3 acres from the estate of the late Clara Turnbell Keith of Menlo Park was on file Monday in the office of County Recorder T. Clark Rice.

The land was sold by the administrator of the estate, Wallace L. Kaapcke, to Charles A. Russell for $80,000.

The property lies between Valparaiso and Santa Cruz Aves. along Old County Rd.

Peninsula Playgoer

BY DOROTHY NICHOLS

One way to get around double dating: Stanford opened its production of "The Adding Machine" in the Little Theater on Wednesday evening to run the rest of this week, while San Jose State College opens "The Assassin" tonight to run through Sunday and Monday. Curtain at 8:15 at San Jose.

This, incidentally, gives William Melton of the cast of **"The Adding Machine"** a chance to see a production on his former stage. Melton, who has been seen both at San Jose and in recent Stanford plays, has finished his work on the campus but is coming down from San Francisco to play Schrdlu. This is the name you see in the paper when something gets in the linotyper's hair. It's eye-filling, but just how Elmer Rice expected it to be pronounced is anybody's guess.

Charles Ingram, who directs "The Adding Machine" tells me that you do not just select a play for your master's thesis. He submitted a list of 15 before Elmer Rice's expressionistic drama was chosen. It is a director's holiday, for the characters are patterned, the action stylized. Mr. Zero's companions even dress alike, and the job of the director in this case, Ingram says, is to "keep characterization out of the parts."

Harrison McCreath of Palo Alto is doing the sets, costumes and lighting for his thesis, and has to produce seven changes of scene. The whole play is as seen through the eyes of Zero. It is a fantasy on the machine age, written in 1923.

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A useful connection between San Jose and Stanford this week turned up when, deprived of the telephone, the Playgoer was able to use a grapevine; Virginia Opsvig, who does costumes at Stanford, is the wife of John Kerr, who directed the beautiful "Ethan Frome" at the state college.

Miss Opsvig was Eliza in last Friday's faculty reading of **"Uncle Tom's Cabin"** (repeated this afternoon for a student audience), but she did not cross the ice. All spectacular parts of the play were cut, but there is a lot left. "Uncle Tom" had everything; spectacle, melodrama, pathos, song-and-dance, clowning, social consciousness and piety.

The night I dropped in on rehearsal the action was being revised around a stationary Uncle Tom. It wasn't Legree who did in Tom, though Nicholas Vardac was laying it on (in a black-out accompanied by chords); it was too much field work. Hubert Heffner, in strenuous gradening, did something to his back, so that he could not move about, but my secret service reports that this did not affect his rich interpretation. Topsy and Gumption Cute were obviously going to make the audience hilarious, they did.

I still want to see an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" that is a true dramatization of the Harriet Beecher Stowe's great book, but probably can't be done. The very thing that made it possible for Mrs. Stowe to get away with her message is the thing that defeats it for us, the excessive piety. We can believe Legree, after the extermination camps, but not Little Eva.

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San Jose's last play of the year will be the comedy, **"Over Twenty-One,"** which I believe is new to the Peninsula. Stanford catches up in the procession of new plays, with the very latest of literary labels, "existentialism" expressed in Sartre's **"No Exit,"** coming next Saturday evening, May 10. Also next week, Wednesday evening, **"The Knight of the Burning Pestle"** in a staged reading, and on Friday, the opera **"Cosi fan Tutte"** in Memorial Hall.

"Alice in Wonderland" has broken out like measles all over the country. It runs in New York, gets its picture on Life's cover, is to be the Tamalpais Mountain Play. The Palo Alto Children's Theater did the Charlotte Corpenning script for younger children, and Castilleja is presenting the version now running in New York next Saturday evening. This follows the book in dialogue. Jacqueline Ogg, director, has Stanford advanced students doing costumes, scenery, lighting and music as projects. There will be a dance of the Hearts and the Lobster Quadrille.

Camp Directors

Dates and places for summer camps for children are available through the County Social Agencies of San Mateo County. A directory containing a list of over 50 private camps in Northern California is at the council headquarters for parents to use.

A limited number of mimeographed copies are available for distribution. Phone 3-4143 or call at the council headquarters at 1308 Howard Ave., Burlingame.

The directory shows the varied types of camps; some for boys only, some for girls only; some for both age groups, location, price and other data will enable you to select the right summer camp for your child.

This directory is one of several directories made available to the community as a feature of the Informational Service developed by the council. The secretary, Mrs. Helen Foley, has organized a generalized informational service in an effort to give a referral service to persons unfamiliar with social welfare, health, recreation resources in this area. Requests for information regarding camps is one of the most frequent inquiries at the council office during the month of May.

2000 Attend

More than 2000 persons attended Sequoia High School's annual open house, Citizen's Night, according to Supt. A. C. Argo. The program was held in conjunction with the celebration of Public Schools Week.

"Everyone seemed well pleased with our exhibits," Argo said.

A fashion show in which girls of the homemaking department modeled clothes they had made themselves, highlighted the open house, Argo said. The show was held on the front lawn of the main building which was especially lighted for the occasion.

Demonstrations of weaving, drawing and pottery making were given by students in the arts and crafts department, while drama students presented excerpts from well known plays.

Argo said that the shops attracted much attention from the visitors who witnessed the actual classes in session.

Girl Scouts Dance

Approximately 500 parents and friends of Girl Scouts attended the Sequoia Dist. Girl Scout Council's folk dancing festival on the Sequoia High School football field Saturday afternoon.

Five hundred and seven girls — including 294 Brownies and 213 intermediates — took part in the colorful festival.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Frank McKenzie, who was chairman of the program. Miss Martha Keefe, executive director of the Sequoia Dist. Girl Scouts, was introduced.

Colors and pledge of allegiance were led by Mrs. C. S. Mills. Mrs. L. Meek led a song, "God Bless America," and led the senior choral group in community singing. Mrs. D. C. Berglund, commissioner of the Sequoia district, was introduced by Miss Keefe and Mrs. Berglund presented curved bar awards, highest award that can be given in Girl Scouting.

Brownie exhibition dances included:

Troop 45, San Carlos, Buffalo Glide; Troop 72, San Carlos, Irish Jollity; Troop 48, San Carlos, Schebogar, Hungarian; Troop 15, Menlo Park, Three Blind Mice; Troop 36, San Carlos, Russian Polka; Troop 31, Redwood City, Weggis dance, Switzerland; Troop 55, Menlo Park, Weggis dance, Switzerland, group dance; Wooden Shoes, Lithuanian.

Intermediate exhibition dances:

Dancing scouts led by Mrs. J. A. Buhler, Tuljak, Estonian; Troop 5 and Troop 2, Redwood City, Hiawatha, Estonian; Troop 6, Menlo Park, Double Schottische, Swedish; Troop 63, San Carlos, Kelvalis, Lithuanian; Troop 61, Belmont, and Troop 17, Redwood City, Sicilian Tarantella; Troop 61, Belmont, Cherkessia, Palestenian; Troop 49, San Carlos, Virginia Reel; Troop 9, Redwood City, Eida Rates, Estonian.

Other exhibition dances given by Mrs. Buhler's dancing scouts were Gustaf's Skoal, Swedish; Doris Waltz, English; Fa Do Bianquita and Triple Schottische, and Korobuscha, Russian.

Brownie games were led by Mrs. A. S. Hamilton. Intermediate games were led by Mrs. Jack Kramer.

Awarded the curved bars were Louise Martin, Joan Nystrom and Heather Maclean of Troop 27, Redwood City, and Royce Ausland, Patsy Gibbs, Frances Miller, Barbara Mills and Margaret Severe, Troop 6, Menlo Park.

Doesn't Know

It was one of those double dates in which the other couple decided to stay home.

And Grace Baird, 21-year-old Redwood City usherette, found out that safety in numbers is still a proven adage. She has various bruises to prove it.

Miss Baird, who lives at 2424 Spring St., went out Saturday night with a Lomita Park chauffeur by the name of Frederick W. Turgetto, also 21 years old. Her girl friends and the other fellow had welshed out, so the pair went alone.

The date wound up in the hills back of Millbrae about 4 a.m. Sunday. Miss Baird, according to Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore, says she woke up in the back seat of the car with her clothes in disarray and with bruises all over her face and ribs. She didn't know exactly what had happened, Moore said she told officers.

Turgetto landed in county jail charged with battery.

Names Directors

Six members of the newly formed Redwood City Optimist Club were named to the board of directors Monday during the group's meeting at the Three Owls.

Elected for a two-year term were Budd Stevenson, Ed Horgan and Frank Stowe; named for a one-year term were Clair Silliman, Harry Bourquin and John Schrepfer.

Largest attendance in the short history of the club heard Dist. Gov. Bill Fleischer of San Francisco discuss "The Effects of Optimism in Business."

Counselor James Lemon reported that 80 members have joined the group since its inception about a month ago.

Lemon announced completed plans for the group's Charter Night dinner dance, Saturday at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in San Mateo.

Pres. Fred Grafton announced committees will be named next Tuesday.

Eagles Dance

Final arrangements were being made for the social highlight of the year for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which is holding its annual Mothers' Day program, Friday, at the IOOF hall.

Chmn. Hilton Gibson reported that the wives, mothers, and girl friends of members of Aerie 418 will be the honored guests at Friday's gathering.

Redwood City Police Judge W. H. Thorpe will be the principal speaker, Gibson announced. Other entertainment will include musical numbers and other features.

Refreshments and a dance will follow, Gibson added.

43,000 Boys

The YMCA building at Brewster Ave. and Clinton St. has been entered 43,000 times by boys using its facilities since the building was opened two years ago tomorrow, it is estimated by James A. Batchelor, who recently resigned as 'Y' secretary here and is now a member of the Redwood City YMCA Committee.

Among the facilities at the 'Y' building are three pool tables, two ping pong tables, library reading room, craft room, checkers and chess, basketball court and horseshoes, and volleyball and badminton courts are in the process of being made available.

The building is supervised at all times.

Drunk Driving Bill

State Sen. Harry L. Parkman was one of 25 senators who last week voted to refer the bill requiring mandatory jail sentences for drunk drivers back to the judiciary committee for further study.

Objection to the bill, which was introduced by Sen. H. R. Judah of Santa Cruz, centered around the fact that under tests specified in the bill a person who had only one or two drinks might be found intoxicated.

Parents' Corner

WHY SCHOOLS CHANGE

"You have written about the differences between schools in different states, and that is all very interesting," a mother writes, "but I have spent my whole life in this one community and my daughter goes to the same grade school I attended. Yet the way they teach her now is greatly different from the way I was taugh.

"The old school was good enough for me and I am sure would be good enough for my daughter. Why has the school changed so much?"

Mrs. M.'s question is one which occurs most frequently in settled residential communities, where the population turnover is not great. It is a perfectly valid question; there is no doubt that schools have changed during the last generation. Further, they are continuing to change and Mrs. M.'s daughter may, 30 years hence, ask the same question about the same school.

Why have schools changed?

Schools are a pretty good sized social institution and since they are publicly controlled, they react to many pressures. In some ways schools are nothing more than a sort of a temporary educational equilibrium achieved by the balancing of opposing pressures. Change the pressures and you change the schools.

Most pressure groups have altruistic motives in seeking to influence schools. A patriotic group finds that many children know less than the group thinks they should about American history. So the group unites with other similar groups and has the legislature pass a law requiring more instruction in American history. Or a temperance group does the same thing in connection with education for temperance.

So, one reason for change in schools is that schools are democratically controlled, and frequent changes by legislation cause readjustments. These legislative changes usually affect courses of study or the amount of time to be devoted to subjects within the course of study. As a rule they do not affect the methods of teaching used.

But methods change too, for other reasons. Changes in methods come from the application of scientific methods to education.

For the last 60 years psychologists have been investigating the human mind. They experiment continuously to test out new ways of teaching and learning. Every university in the land has scientists at work finding out more and more about human learning. Most large school systems also experiment to try to improve their ways of teaching.

Gradually, out of all this research there emerge improved methods of teaching the standard subjects. School teachers, by attending their institutes, their workshops, their summer schools, and their extension courses, bring themselves up to date on better ways of teaching. They bring those better ways back to their children in the form of changed methods of instruction.

A number of columns which we have printed in the Parents' Corner have dealt with aspects of the scientific movement in education. Other columns in the future will deal with still other aspects.

Two reasons, then, for change in schools are: first, popular pressures which influence legislation, and scientific research. There are still other reasons; for example, the so-called "Progressive Education Movement," but they are of considerably less importance than the two mentioned. Both of these major reasons will continue to operate as long as our country remains democratic and forward looking.

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Missing With Truck

The Hassler Health Farm, San Francisco's tuberculosis institution west of Redwood City, today asked the California Highway Patrol to help solve the mystery of the missing truck driver.

John H. Brittan, 28, reportedly a "good employe who has never been in trouble," left the sanatorium about 9 o'clock yesterday morning to pick up supplies in San Francisco, Nicholas Bogorodsky, the health farm auditor, reported.

Brittan and the ton and a half truck were traced as far as the central office in San Francisco. That was at noon, and Brittan was to pick up food at the commissary.

He didn't arrive there. At noon today he was still missing.

Brittan is single and lives at the health farm. His mother lives at 427 Embarcadero, Palo Alto.

18 Home Permits

Permits for the construction of 18 homes in Emerald Lake Heights were issued Friday to Nelson M. Welbanks, Redwood City contractor, County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell reported.

The homes are to be built on West Summit Dr. and will be in the $6500 classification, Russell said.

A permit also was issued to Dr. Stanley Kowalski of San Bruno for the construction of an eight-unit apartment house on Capachino Dr., in Capachino Manor. The apartment house is estimated to cost about $40,000.

Drunk Charges

Edward R. Krentzlin, 37, San Francisco dental technician, was arrested at 8:10 p.m. yesterday by Belmont police on a charge of drunken driving. He was charged with driving north in an erratic manner on El Camino Real, police said.

Two hours earlier, William Elton Norton, 38, 1044 Pine St., San Francisco, was arrested on a similar charge.

Both men were released today from the county jail on $150 bail and they are to appear before Judge Rupert Johnson on May 13.

Residents Fined

Two Redwood City residents accused of dumping garbage on Kings Mountain Rd. Friday were fined $10 each by Justice of the Peace Edward I. McAuliffe.

Charles W. Barnes, 120 Arch St., and R. B. McDougall, 219 Sequoia Ave., pleaded guilty to throwing three paper bags of garbage from a car on Apr. 27. The complaint against them was signed by Woodside Fire Chief John Volpiano.

Tells Story

Mr. Franklin, when a boy, was left on a doorstep in San Francisco. The home where he was being cared for was burned to the ground during the great earthquake in 1906. Madame Juilly, the matron of the home, fled to San Mateo with the children in her care. There Mr. Franklin spent his boyhood days.

In 1917 the late Judge Buck of Redwood City committed Ernest Franklin to the Whittier State School. He was committed, not because he was a delinquent, but because this nameless orphan boy had no home and no one seemed to want him. After about two years in the institution some Free Methodist friends in Whittier made it possible for him to attend the Los Angeles Pacific College. While attending college he became a Christian and received his call to the ministry.

Mr. Franklin has the answer to many of our juvenile problems. He dramatizes his Bible stories to the children and also uses sound films in his services.

His natural ability in working with boys and girls has won for him a prominent place as a youth leader in churches and large summer camps. The public is invited to hear this speaker each night next week at the Free Methodist Church.

Kaiser Gets Bid

The County Board of Supervisors Tuesday awarded to Kaiser & Co. of San Francisco the bid for the sale of $172,000 in bonds voted by the Ravenswood School Dist. for a new 10-room addition to Willow School.

The bid for the construction of a sanitary sewer system in Emerald Lake Heights and parts of Fairways of Emerald Lake also was let by the supervisors to Edwin A. Tobin, Berkeley, who had bid $39,-924.

Two bids for each of the projects were submitted to the Board of Supervisors, who opened them at the regular meeting yesterday.

The bid which was accepted for the Ravenswood bond issue is for 2 per cent on the entire $172,000, plus a premium of $1,176.48.

The other bid was from the Bank of America, San Francisco, and was for a sliding scale of 1¾ per cent for the first $80,000, 2 per cent for the next $54,000 and 2¼ per cent for the remainder.

The other bidder for the Emerald Lake sewer construction was Dominic J. Bressi, South San Francisco, who bid $57,997.15.

The supervisors also upheld a planning commission decision denying Roy A. Jones the rezoning of a large section of Edgemar from residential to commercial purposes.

The commission had ruled that Jones was asking for a commercial zone far larger than could be justified in light of the number of residences in the Coastside town.

$63,490 Suit

A suit for $63,490 damages was filed in superior court Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Laurel I. Sweitzer of Palo Alto for injuries they sustained in an automobile accident last May 4.

The Sweitzers claim they were sitting in their parked car when they were struck by a car and a truck which collided at El Camino Real and Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park.

The defendants in the case are Helen Pierson of Los Altos and Jens A. F. Longaard of Palo Alto, the driver of the truck. Also named as defendant is Howard White, Longaard's employer and owner of the truck.

First Birthday

A May Day birthday party was in order on Thursday for Lyle Gene Tallent. For his first birthday, a May Day theme was completed, with a maypole and streamers as the centerpiece for the table which was set on the front lawn of his home at 176 Duane St.

His guests, most of them ranging from 4 weeks old to 1 year, were Nancie Martin, Alice Beth Clarkson, Charlene Olsson, Gary Westberg, Lyle's cousin, Pat Beach, and Donnie Olsson.

Mothers present were Mrs. Otto Tallent, who gave the party; Mrs. Cecil Martin; Mrs. Robert L. Clarkson; Mrs. Justus Olsson, Mrs. Lloyd Westberg and Mrs. Natalie Beach.

Two Hurt

Two persons were injured, one seriously, when the jeep in which they were riding plunged down a bank and overturned on Skyline Blvd. north of Half Moon Bay early Friday morning.

Frieda Mayfield, 21, South San Francisco, is in Community Hospital with a possible skull fracture. The other injured was Luther G. Van Sant, 22, also of South San Francisco, but he did not require hospital treatment.

They were passengers in a jeep driven by Arthur Smith, 44, South San Francisco. Smith told California Highway Patrol officers that the wheels of his jeep locked on a curve in the highway, causing it to go over a bank.

SC Fire

A small fire in a shack belonging to David Holder at 1323 Old County Rd. was put out Thursday afternoon by the San Carlos Fire Dept.

According to Chief Lyle Clark, the fire started in sawdust near the front of the structure, and ignited tar paper on the side of the building.

Clark estimated damage at about $30.

Trio Held

Six San Francisco residents, three of them members of the Mission St. "White Gang," were booked briefly at the San Mateo County jail Friday on a complaint from San Jose, but were later released.

The sextet was arrested by California Highway Patrol officers in South San Francisco after a police broadcast charged them with petty theft. They were accused of taking a gasoline can from a filling station in San Jose, but they were released when the owner of the station refused to sign a complaint.

The White Gang members are August Ragone, 21; Manuel Sanchez, 21, and Jack Scott, 22. With them were Barbara and Charles Sanchez and Blanche Ragone.

Women's Club

At the Woman's Club annual meeting for members only held Thursday in the clubhouse, Mrs. Park Q. Wray was unanimously elected to the office of president for the second year.

At the two previous meetings the report of the nominating committee was read and at the meeting Thursday all nominations were accepted. Serving with Mrs. Wray will be Mrs. Clarence Selden, first vice president; Mrs. Max Gelber, second vice president; Mrs. W. E. Stevens, recording secretary; Mrs. Waldo Stone, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. A. Walden, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Werder, auditor; Mrs. Fred Blase, Mrs. W. A. Turnbull and Mrs. Harold Donnelly, directors.

Mrs. Fred Blase, membership chairman, announced that four new members have been elected to membership. They are Mrs. James Robertson, Mrs. Charles King, Mrs. Leon Savage and Mrs. Claude Hayes.

Annual reports of the retiring officers were read. Reports were read by Mrs. Wray, Mrs. A. S. Liguori, Mrs. Paul Leigh, Mrs. Gelber, Mrs. Bard Berry, Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Arthur Jonsen, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Blase.

Reports of the chairmen were read also by Mrs. Harold Donnelly, acting for Mrs. Adrian Ward, Mrs. C. G. Uhlenberg, Mrs. John T. Lawrence, Mrs. Walter Sterling, Mrs. A. B. Blakeley, Mrs. Howard P. Anderson, Mrs. Henry Beeger, Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. Waldo Stone, Mrs. H. J. Mayer, acting for Mrs. R. E. Littrell; Mrs. Berry, acting for Mrs. Helen Seely, and Mrs. H. A. Clattenberg.

Mrs. Wray announced that the first meeting in June will be installation of officers. Mrs. Paul Alexander, president of the San Francisco Dist. of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, elected recently at the convention held at Hoberg's, will be the installing officer. The annual breakfast will be held with Mrs. Edward D. Murphy in charge, assisted by members of the Well Baby Clinic.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. J. M. Houweling, chairman, assisted by Mrs. John Furnas, Mrs. H. J. Mayer and Mrs. H. T. Stewart.

On Thursday the Garden Section will have the annual picnic and garden party at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stevens, 15 Myrtle St. The luncheon will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the Petunias are in charge. All the members of the Petunia group are asked to contact Mrs. Judson Reeves, chairman of that group, for instructions. Election of officers for that section will be held at this meeting.

Dinner Plans Set

Final arrangements were announced Tuesday by Chmn. John Ryan and Anthony Lovoi for the Redwood City Junior Chamber of Commerce installation dinner dance, Saturday, at the Pioneer Club in Woodside.

Ryan reported that the affair would begin at 7:30 p.m., and members who have not made reservations may do so by contacting him.

Lovoi pointed out that highlight of the evening, in addition to installation of the new officers, will be the announcement of the outstanding member of the group during the past year who will be awarded the perpetual trophy.

Floyd McCue, a past officer of the organization, will be the installing officer.

Claim $200 Loss

Articles valued at about $200 were taken Sunday afternoon from the car of a San Mateo trio who had gone to the beach south of Half Moon Bay, the sheriff's office reported.

The trio had left their clothing in their locked car and a thief had broken the left front window.

Halle P. Robb lost a pocketbook containing $20 and a $65 wrist watch; Virginia A. McDonald lost a compact, pearl ring, cigaret case, pocketbook and a shoulder bag with a total value of $100, and Scott F. Ennis reported that a tooled leather pocketbook which contained valuable papers but no money was taken.

SF Man Held

Elbert C. Crow, 27-year-old welder, Tuesday was charged with manslaughter as a result of a traffic death Mar. 24.

Crow was the driver of the car which collided headon with two vehicles, killing Joel Humphrey, 39, of San Francisco and injuring six persons, including Crow. Humphrey was a passenger in Crow's car.

The accident happened on Bayshore Hwy., on Tunnel Hill, and highway patrolmen said that Crow's car crossed the double line and narrowly missed plunging over a 100-foot bank.

Crow, still wearing braces about his head as a result of his injuries, was booked at county jail this morning and is held in lieu of $1000 cash bail or $2000 bond.

Pass Proposal

The state park commission last Friday approved San Mateo County's proposal to eliminate Granada Beach and Princeton Lagoon from the master park plan.

The plan was revised to include the Dunes Beach extension, Tunitas Beach, San Gregorio and Miramontes.

No mention was made of Butano Forest acquisition.

Menlo Circus Club

Male members of the Menlo Circus Club, if enough are interested, will take a three-day ride, May 16-18, to La Honda and return on horseback. First night stopover will be at the Native Sons Park redwood grove, and the second stopping place will be the Rapley Ranch.

Keeping close tab on the members will be the chuck wagon which will "tag along."

Eddie Castleman is leading the jaunt, and Dick Shainwald and King Parker have organized the excursion.

Rites Read

Mrs. Ella McNutt, widow of Superior Court Judge Maxwell McNutt, has married M. Sindle Daniel, president of the California Trotting Assn., it has been disclosed to friends here Saturday.

Mrs. McNutt and Daniel were married on Mar. 24, in Yuma, Ariz., it was disclosed. The newlyweds live in Van Nuys. It was Mrs. McNutt's third marriage.

Speeder Fined

A speeder who had his case transferred from the San Mateo court of Judge Francis Murphy because of "bias and prejudice" has been fined $50 by Justice of the Peace Edward I. McAuliffe.

Robert Cope Boyd, 26, of 426 Brewster Ave., pleaded guilty to reckless driving and speeding. He was arrested Apr. 12 by San Mateo police in an 80-mile-an-hour chase between San Mateo and San Carlos.

Judge McAuliffe said that the case was transferred to his court because of Boyd's charges of bias and prejudice against the San Mateo judge.

Another case was transferred on similar charges, Judge McAuliffe said, and will come up for trial on May 16.

Edward H. LaMar, 23, of Millbrae, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of reckless driving in San Mateo. He is accused of having run through a red light.

Broadcast Reported

Twelve members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church in Redwood City attended the San Francisco district meeting of the WSCS in the Calvary Church in San Jose on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. B. Howatt, district president, presided at the meeting which began at 10:15 a. m. Round table discussions and a business session were held following the noon luncheon.

A topic of interest to people of the state was the announcement of a broadcast to be presented by the Upper Room Radio Parish of the General Board of Evangelism entitled, "So You Want to Stay Married." There will be a series of eight 15-minute programs written and produced by Carlton E. Morse broadcast in this area over KSFO in conjunction with National Family Week. The series begins May 4 and continues through May 8.

Pair Sentenced

Lloyd R. Jacobsen, 20, of Redwood City, and Earl W. Bell, 20, of San Francisco, this morning were sentenced to San Quentin Prison by Superior Court Judge Edmund Scott.

The two on Monday had pleaded guilty to one count of robbery each for a robbery at Hidden Valley Inn at San Carlos and three counts of robbery for a robbery at the Tonga Club, south of Redwood City.

The terms are to run concurrently. The prison term is not less than five years.

Judge Scott told the youths "you're lucky you're not here for murder. When you get to San Quentin, take advice from the employes there, not from the inmates. Nobody wants to kick you down; you've made mistakes and you have to pay for them."

RC Man Held

Reginio Garcia, 27, 212 Lincoln Ave., a laborer, was arrested by Redwood City police on a warrant from Fresno police charging rape.

Police Officer Clyde Genochio said Garcia had lived in Redwood City for approximately two weeks and that Fresno police gave no details on the case.

Hadassah Dinner

Mrs. Neal Sutton, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, announced the annual Donor Luncheon will be held at the Villa Chartier on next Monday. Assisting her as cochairmen are Mrs. Mel Dollinger, Mrs. Samuel Owen, Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, Mrs. Al Levy, and Mrs. Henry Mohr.

"The donor funds this year are more important than ever before," said Mrs. Sutton, "as most of the displaced European Jews seeking refuge in Palestine arrive undernourished, and physically and mentally ill. The number of tuberculars arriving is particularly alarming. The funds realized from this donor go into the erection of the now partially completed wing of the world-famous Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus in Palestine. This new addition is being built for the sole purpose of treating these unfortunates."

Mrs. Robert Miller, Millbrae, president of the local chapter, said that an elaborate afternoon has been planned for this important affair.

Features of the donor will include entertainment by Joaquin Garay, singer of the Copacabana in San Francisco. Also presented will be a musical comedy written and directed by Mrs. Leon Bagrash. Hard at work on rehearsals are the cast, which include Mmes. Leon Bagrash, Sol Schoengold, Maurice Barnblatt, Samuel Dietz, Theodore Rosenberg, Joseph Goldberg, Israel Mates, David Geller, Louis Wexler, David Miller, Phil Reiss, Mel Dollinger, Harold Shanzer and Robert Miller.

Wage Plan

An estimated 120 to 150 county employes would get salary increases on the basis of a survey now under study by the county civil service commission.

Russell J. Cooney, secretary of the commission, said that the figure was an estimate, but that it represented from 20 to 25 per cent of the county employes.

The commission met last Friday in a 7½-hour session to study the survey which is aimed at bringing salaries in San Mateo County up to the level paid in other Bay Area counties.

No conclusion was reached at last Friday's meeting, Cooney said, but the commission has scheduled another meeting for Monday morning.

If the commission decides on the salary increases the recommendation would be made to the board of supervisors in time to be included under the budget for the next fiscal year, Cooney declared.

Stump Fire

Firemen from the county fire station on the Skyline Blvd., Sunday put out a small fire in trees and a stump on the New La Honda Rd., Woodside Fire Chief John Volpiano reported today.

Volpiano said he called in a county truck because it was stationed only a few blocks away from the scene of the fire while his trucks were nearly five miles away.

Volpiano blamed the fire on picnickers whom he said had left a campfire burning.

FARM POWER IS CHEAP
in
NORTHERN and CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA

The electric power bills paid by farmers of Northern and Central California are among the lowest in the nation. Latest rural electrification statistics show the following comparison in average cost per kilowatt-hour for rural power service:

	Average Cost per Kwhr
R. E. A. Cooperatives SOURCE: Official report of the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration 1946.	3.67 cents
All other utilities (National Average) SOURCE: Edison Electric Institute.	2.37 cents
P. G. and E.	1.68 cents

The widespread use of cheap electric power has contributed much to the national leadership now held by California agriculture in crop diversity and production. Electric-powered pumps irrigate the lands to bring higher yields and crop frequency. Electric-driven mechanical helpers offer the farmer speed and economy in performing his farm chores. And in the farm home, electric appliances provide all the conveniences and comfort of urban living.

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Peninsula Playgoer

BY DOROTHY NICHOLS

One play this week, and that the very latest: Jean Paul Sartre's **"No Exit,"** one night only, Saturday in the Little Theatre at Stanford. One opera: Mozart's **"Cosi fan Tutte"** (thus do all women) translated as "That's the Way Women Are," by the Intimate Opera Players in Memorial Hall Friday night, also at Stanford.

Although George Nichols, who is directing **"No Exit"** was in Paris in special services at the time the play was running, he had to come back to this country to read it. The play was titled "Huit-Clos," translated, "In Conference," and known in London as "Vicious Circle."

Nichols' interest in it was aroused by reading about it in Eric Bentley's recent book, and when he met Kenneth Jones at Stanford who wanted to do it, they selected the only night available, and went to work. Jones will play the lead. The production will be done without faculty supervision, but all involved have had a lot of experience. Nichols took his degree at Yale School of Drama; Jones has had work at Northwestern and in summer stock. Beatrice Manley and Bill Vorenberg are "junior artists in residence" and the fourth member of the quartet cast is Elaine Maltzman who has played numerous leads at Stanford.

After Saturday night those who like to introduce words like "existentialism" into the conversation may know what it is about. At any rate, we will be right up with New Yorkers in having seen Paris's latest label.

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Demy Trevor, who replaces Ted Uppman in the cast of "That's the Way Women Are," is a student of Roger Sessions at the University of California, and recently sang the lead in that composer's "Trial of Lucullus" in Berkeley. He has sung with the Intimate Opera Players in "Cosi fan Tutte" this Spring.

For the company has become a touring group. After Montalvo last Summer they gave two performances for the Gainsborough Foundation in San Francisco, which were so well received that they were asked to tour. Being involved in other work, the cast had to keep fairly close to home, but in spring vacation they went as far as Chico and Santa Cruz. Next week they will appear at Wheeler Hall in the Chamber Music series, and the week after at the Claremont Hotel as the featured program for the East Bay Opera League. They are considering Hollywood, Redlands, Stern Grove and even British Columbia for the Summer.

Joel Carter, whom no one will forget as Papageno in "The Magic Flute," the villain in "Freishutz," the stutterer in "The Bartered Bride," will be making his last appearance for the year, since he goes to Columbia University for a term of study until next January.

Stanford's **Spring Show** next week, opening Thursday, is to be a political satire, with music, an original called "It's A Deal," by Harry Muheim.

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Last week brought a stunning experience in the theatre, **"The Assassin"** at San Jose, which left the audience sitting still in their seats after the lights came on, for a moment unable to move. I have only seen this happen once before, after "Juno and the Paycock" at Palo Alto many years ago.

What is the matter with New York? We are often tempted to ask seeing a play that was given scant consideration there. Perhaps "The Assassin" was too close to events; perhaps the professional actors hammed it up, making it melodramatic, whereas the young student actors brought out the play's quality by their utterly sincere, earnest performance. In their hands it was a hair-raising thriller, with plenty of disturbing thought behind it.

The play is confused, but who was not confused in North Africa at the time of the American invasion?

Irwin Shaw introduces us to a French resistance group, a motley crowd, Communists, Democrats, a Jewish editor, even a young royalist who saves them all by audacious action. (The fighting was brutally real.) He shows us the French generals, their German overlord, and the admiral who wants to make a deal with the naive Americans. (The students were suave and convincing.)

The royalist general picks the royalist youth for the assassination of the admiral. A gripping scene in the cafe listening to the admiral's radio speech, waiting for the shots, (all the students were intensely reacting). A tragic scene when a girl who has died once when her husband was killed in France, dies a second time telling the boy he is betrayed (thick-walled prison and a sentinel pacing overhead). The execution: the boy's last speech a recorded voice, the firing squad in shadow with light on the row of hands as they bring up their guns, the boy in the foreground, back to the audience. It is we who were executed.

Some were better than others in the cast, but it is no use to pick out any. If there had not been an occasional gesture that revealed the young student, the performance would have been incredible.

Soldiers Held

Four Fort Baker soldiers were held in county jail Monday for San Francisco police on charges of car theft.

They were arrested Saturday night on Skyline Blvd. near Millbrae by deputy sheriffs. They are Arvil Parham, 22; Roy Trivett, 22; Harry J. McMahon, 23, and Herman Holbrook, 27.

With the quartet at the time of their arrest was a former girl friend of Trivett, Gene Dorothy Makin, 27, San Francisco. She was not held.

Carpenter Jailed

Jilian Leroy Uglum, 37, a carpenter who lives at 509 Stambaugh St., was arrested Saturday evening by California Highway Patrol officers on a charge of drunken driving.

Uglum was arrested on Bayshore Hwy. near Redwood City. He was released from the county jail on $100 bail and is to appear Friday before Justice of the Peace E. I. McAuliffe.

Cosgriff Eulogized

Nearly 100 persons jammed into superior court to pay tribute to Edward H. Cosgriff, veteran San Mateo County attorney who died Wednesday morning.

Superior Court Judges Aylett R. Cotton and Edmund Scott, sitting jointlv at the bench, each praised Mr. Cosgriff as a leader in the field of law and civic affairs.

The judges called on a score of other persons, each of whom gave a short eulogy of Mr. Cosgriff and his accomplishments.

Represented in the courtroom were the San Mateo County Bar Assn., his law partners, members of the County Probation Commission, the board of supervisors and the justice courts in the county, as well as friends.

Nearly all of the attorneys in San Mateo County were present for the memorial services.

The judges adjourned court in memory of Mr. Cosgriff.

The flags above the courthouse were lowered to half mast Wednesday morning upon news of Mr. Cosgriff's death.

Luther Carr, one of Mr. Cosgriff's partners, told the hushed audience that never during his illness had Mr. Cosgriff mentioned anything about not feeling well, that he was always very cheerful.

A short time ago, Carr said, he saw Mr. Cosgriff sitting in his Burlingame office with his head in his hands. Carr asked him how he felt, and Mr. Cosgriff replied: "I'm here and that's all."

Last week Mr. Cosgriff was told that he had not more than 10 days to live, Carr said, and at that time Mr. Cosgriff declared that he had lived a full and rich life and had no regrets.

Trim Budget

County Executive Frederick Peterson received another rebuff late Tuesday afternoon when the board of supervisors refused to reinstate a $10,000 item previously deleted from the budget of the recreation department.

The supervisors last week trimmed some $40,000 from the budget of recreation department, Peterson's pet project. Of that figure, $10,000 was trimmed from proposed construction and maintenance of Huddart's Park in Woodside.

Peterson Tuesday asked that the sum be reinstated, stating that according to the will giving the county the property, the county must maintain it as a public park.

Supervisor Henry W. Edmonds explained that the board had been told by the district attorney's office that no specific amount needed to be budgeted for Huddart's Park and so long as the county didn't close it up as a public park the terms of the grant were not violated.

The supervisors also approved an ordinance drawn up at the request of County Engineer M. A. Grant. The ordinance is aimed at the elimination of the many little streets cutting into county roads in general and Whipple Rd. in particular.

The ordinance provides that in the future these streets should feed into access roads, eliminating many dangerous intersections. The ordinance affects only those roads which are to be built in the future and is not retroactive.

The supervisors also:

Approved the granting of use permits for the construction of churches to the Rev. Clarence Solbert in Lomita Hills, and to the Rev. Carl H. Church in the Visitacion district, Brisbane.

Granted use permits to Joe Thompson for the removal of sand from a stockpile north of Sharp Park; and to M. O. Tyson for the expansion of quarry operations and erection of a ready mix hot plant at the Burns Stone Quarry, Belmont-Half Moon Bay Rd.

Denied a use permit to Leland T. Quinlan, who had wished to remove 400,000 tons of gravel from north of Sharp Park for use at Mills Field Airport.

Toastmasters Meet

Nineteen business and professional people in the San Carlos-Belmont area were present at the second organization meeting of the San Carlos Toastmasters last night.

Those present were shown a full-scale Toastmasters program staged by veteran members of San Mateo, South San Mateo and Redwood City Toastmasters clubs.

The new club is sponsored by the Redwood City Toastmasters, which is making available three of its members, Frank Murphy, Roy Rodenhouse and Harry Love, to direct the activities of the new chapter until the new organization is running smoothly, at which time a complete set of officers will be elected.

Next meeting will be held next Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the private clubroom of Gables' Restaurant in Belmont. All business and professional and other interested residents of the San Carlos-Belmont area are invited, according to the sponsors of the new club.

Score in Exhibit

First award for the best exhibit of the Palo Alto Junior Museum Science Fair was presented to a San Carlos Toastmasters this week, who entered light science diaramas which they made. Twenty first, second and third-place awards were made for individual entries, according to Mrs. Josephine O'Hara, museum director.

The science fair was part of the annual Palo Alto Spring Festival, which was highlighted with a colorful pet and doll parade up the city's main business street Saturday.

The San Carlos group are members of the sixth-grade class of Miss W. Rockman. They have been frequent visitors at the Palo Alto Junior Museum, Mrs. O'Hara said, and got their ideas from the museum's diaramas painted in 1942 by Artists Ray Strong and William Huff.

Operetta Performed

Fifth and sixth graders from the Redwood City Elementary Schools Monday morning witnessed a repeat performance of "Polished Pebbles" the operatta presented by the McKinley School seventh and eighth grades at the McKinley School's open house last Thursday.

Today's program was given as part of the celebration of Music Week and was under the direction of Miss Rosalie Carrington, whose father Otis M. Carrington of Sequoia High School wrote the operetta more than 20 years ago.

Boy Scout News

Scouts from all over the county will gather at Flood Park, Atherton, the weekend of May 17-18 to make camp during the annual Council Camp-O-Ree, when troops from each of the three county scout districts will compete for top honors in tests of their proficiency in the art of proper camping.

Special Camp-O-Ree emblems will be presented to each Scout and adult leader participating in the event, registrations for which are due at Burlingame Scout Headquarters Saturday, together with the enrollment fee of 15 cents for each boy and man attending.

Highlight of the two-day camp program will be the Saturday night campfire, when a court of honor will be conducted for the county's new Eagle Scouts who pass their achievement tests in today's board of review.

Remainder of the session will be devoted to inter-troop competition in subjects similar to those stressed at district Camp-O-Retts in April. These include contests in use of knots, water boiling, Morse, semaphore and field signalling, use of compass, first aid methods, fire by friction or flint and steel, tent pitching, measuring and knowledge of nature lore.

The same rules and regulations in force at the Camp-O-Retts will hold at the Camp-O-Ree. Scouts will be judged from the time they enter the camp grounds until they leave, for their conduct, sanitary maintenance of their campsites and overall efficiency. Camp will be supervised by Council Scouters and executives.

Chairman of the event is J. V. Christie, council scout commissioner, assisted by George Cook, southern district; Fred Benoit, central; and P. W. Kelly, northern.

Layout of camp plots for participating troops will be made by Explorer Scouts of Post 159, Woodside, and L. C. Dilley, northern district scout commissioner, will be in charge of registrations at the campsite.

Arrangements for religious services to be held separately for each denomination will be completed by W. P. Stevens and the Rev. Fr. T. McKeon, pastor of the Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park.

In preparation for the forthcoming Council Camp-O-Ree, 20 scouts and seven of their fathers of Troop 150, San Carlos, made day camp last week at the new scout campsite near Pescadero, and practised the various lessons in scoutcraft to be tested at the annual camping event scheduled for May 17-18 at Flood Park, Atherton. In charge of expedition was William F. Jackson, scoutmaster.

TROOP 153

Awarding of advancement badges was the chief activity at this week's meeting of Troop 153, San Carlos. Earl Garrett won his Star Scout rank insigne and Herbert Speizer his Second Class badge, Scoutmaster L. S. Mundell reported yesterday.

Claims 3rd Degree

A San Francisco man arrested early Monday on charges of speeding, drunken driving, driving in more than one lane and resisting arrest, charged that he was slugged with a blackjack by California Highway Patrolmen when he was arrested and that they beat him up in the back room of the jail.

Paul K. Clark, 39, who gave his occupation as gambler and business address as Reno, Nev., charged that he was slugged with a blackjack when he reached for his driver's license.

Clark, who has a black eye, declared: "They're not going to get away with it. I've got plenty of money."

CHP Capt. E. F. Cassell denied that the ofifcers beat Clark. He declared, however, it took three patrolmen to apprehend Clark and that he was abusive to the physician who gave him the drunk driving test.

Patrolmen Robert Dickinson and Richard Stacks chased Clark from Redwood City to Burlingame at speeds reported up to 100 miles an hour. After they stopped Clark, Patrolman Walter Swope drove by and saw his fellow officers needed help and stopped to give assistance.

The arrest was made at 12:35 a.m. Clark had not made $200 bail by noon. He is to appear before Justice of the Peace Hugh Mullin Jr. in San Mateo May 16.

Replaces Fickeisen

Waldo Emerson Smith was named acting chief sanitarian to replace John W. Fickeisen, fired last Friday after County Executive Frederick Peterson had accused him of the theft of county property.

Smith was appointed by Dr. Charles C. Gans, who had dismissed Fickeisen upon orders from Peterson.

Dr. Gans, director of the health and welfare department, asked the civil service commission for an eligibility list today to fill Fickeisen's job. Since no list existed, Dr. Gans appointed Smith on a temporary basis until such a list is compiled.

Fickeisen's attorney, Carl William Anderson of Burlingame, Saturday said that Fickeisen would appeal his dismissal. He has 14 days to file an appeal with the civil service commission.

Smith is 39 years old and lives at 83 Wilburn Ave., Atherton. He joined the health department as a sanitary inspector on July 15, 1940.

Anderson said that Fickeisen definitely would file an appeal this week, probably Wednesday.

The civil service commission is empowered to reinstate any employe, despite his dismissal by a department head.

Fire Call

A cook from a Belmont restaurant ran into the Belmont fire station Tuesday afternoon widly waving his arms. Capt. Jack Morrissey and Asst. Chief Bob Eisenberger could not make out what he was shouting about, but surmised that the man wanted them to follow him.

The two followed the cook to a restaurant about a block away where they discovered a woman standing on a table also screaming.

Morrissey and Ellenberger looked down to the floor and saw a large gopher snake coiled peacefully.

The firemen put the snake out.

Not So Urban

San Mateo County, growing rapidly to urban status, nevertheless had an agricultural production totaling $17,044,744 last year, Agricultural Comsr. Max Leonard reported.

Leonard Tuesday afternoon submitted his annual report to the board of supervisors and to the state department of agriculture.

Vegetables, which supply the county's dinner tables and are exported to other areas, suffered losses in nearly all varieties last year, Leonard stated, with an average of 10 per cent or more below the 1945 figure. Vegetables put $5,258,965 into the farmers' pocketbooks last year.

The county's extensive flower industry also suffered losses but prices held up better than those received for vegetables. Asters were hit by the disastrous growing season and chrysanthemums ran into stiff competition with flower crops from the East. The county produced $5,087,984 worth of flowers.

Animal and bee products equaled or bettered the 1945 figure, Leonard stated, with a total value of $5,697,088. Other agricultural production included field crops, valued at $828,106; and fruit and nut crops, value $172,637.

Brussels sprouts was king of the vegetable class, with a value of $1,463,616. Second was the sprouts' bigger cousin, cabbages, with a value of $765,315, while the county's mushroom industry sold a total of $696,544 worth of the fungus.

Chrysanthemums, despite the eastern competition, brought in $840,957, closely seconded by the hot-house grown gardenias which paid the growers $760,384.

Of the livestock, 12,829 head of dairy cattle paid $2,792,297; hogs, of which 49,663 were sold, brought $1,571,820; and chickens ruled the third roost with 278,830 birds bringing $717,563.

Skyline Attack

A 17-year-old navy fireman from Treasure Island reported to Hillsborough police Tuesday that he was hit over the head and thrown out of an automobile at Skyline Blvd. and Black Mountain Rd. by two men he had just met. He was not robbed.

Alvin G. Wagner said the two men struck up a conversation with him outside a theater in San Francisco, and he went with them in their car when they offered to show him a good time. Mills Memorial Hospital aides said Wagner had a slight scalp cut.

Wagner was the second person to be picked up in San Francisco and "dumped" in San Mateo County in two days. Edward J. Demarest, 45, vice president of the Detex Watchclock Corp. of New York, was forced into a car early Sunday morning, knocked unconscious and thrown into a plowed field north of Sharp Park by three youthful hoodlums, who took from him a wrist watch and a wallet containing $380.

A third man also reported he was taken for a "ride" in the Bay Area yesterday. Dr. Charles L. Boone of Kirkland, Wash., told Santa Clara County sheriff's officers that two men jumped into his car at the Oakland end of the Bay Bridge and forced him at gunpoint to drive to Twin Creeks, near Almaden. There the two men slugged him, took his $300, tied his arms and stole his car. He was treated at Santa Clara County Hospital.

Plans Announced

Three plans to publicize San Carlos were laid before the city's chamber of commerce board of directors Monday night.

First proposal was by Ed Drotleff, chairman of the queen contest for the city's July Fourth celebration, announced the rules for the contest.

Secondly, the directors gave Clayton Roberts the "go-ahead" signal to have a bulletin published to advertise the city.

Finally, Benjamin Pfeiffer announced selection of a slogan for San Carlos which would be presented to the membership at its meeting.

Pres. William Klose appointed Jess Davis to head the bylaws committee.

Drotleff, chairman of the chamber's off-street parking committee, reported that earlier Monday night he had met in an informal meeting with the planning commission but nothing was voted.

Reach Settlement

Luther Carr, attorney for Clarence F. Lerner of Atherton, reported Monday that under a divorce settlement, Lerner's wife, Betty, is to get $46,000, payable at the rate of $400 a month.

The Lerners will have joint custody of their two adopted children, alternating weekends and splitting vacations, Carr said. Lerner, owner of a chain of women's apparel shops, gets the home at 337 Selby Ln., Atherton, and Mrs. Lerner gets half the furniture. She also is to get $100 a month for the care of the children, plus clothing and education of the children.

At PA Hospital

Norbert Lambert, Redwood City real estate man who lives at 1519 Hopkins Ave., has suffered another heart attack and is back at Palo Alto Hospital, it was reported Tuesday. Lambert had spent five weeks in the hospital and had been home for a month before his relapse.

Named Mayor

U. S. Simonds Jr. was elected mayor of Burlingame at a meeting of the city council Monday night. Simonds will replace L. Herbert Harris as mayor.

Home Permits

County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell announced that permits were granted to the M. J. King Construction Co. of San Francisco for the construction of 30 homes in Redwood Manor.

The houses are to be built on Eighth, Ninth Ave., and Spring and Bay Rds., and are in the $7000 building classification.

Son Is Named

Mr. and Mrs. Silvester B. Hill of 940 Clinton St., welcomed a new addition to their family on Apr. 26 at the Palo Alto Hospital. The new addition is a boy and he has been named Martin John.

Supports Proposal

The San Mateo County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. Monday, in line with recommendations made in the report of the Public Administration Service, recommended to the County Board of Supervisors that a new tuberculosis hospital of modern design be constructed adjacent to Community Hospital.

Dr. Harry C. Warren, chairman of the medical committee and vice president of the association, said that when this construction is completed, the diagnostic chest clinic and all tuberculosis out-patient services now conducted at Community Hospital could be transferred to the new tuberculosis hospital.

"This will afford the availability of the mobile X-ray unit of Tuberculosis and Health Assn. for X-ray services in screening all contacts and should reduce the X-ray costs of the tuberculosis division of the County Health Dept.," Dr. Warren said.

"When the tuberculosis hospital is adjacent to Community Hospital, in the center of population, it will attract a larger group of medical and surgical specialists and will make available greater opportunities for consultations. It will further add to the morale of patients because of the nearness to friends and relatives; operating costs should be lower because of the readier sources of supplies.

"With the centralization of all tuberculosis activities in the center of population the patient as well as the taxpayer will receive the maximum return for the dollar spent.

"The Tuberculosis and Health Assn. pledges its support to the centralization of all tuberculosis activities in the interest of efficient prevention, detection, treatment and cure of tuberculosis with the most modern medical and surgical facilities for all of our tuberculosis patients and their contacts.

"When the above named recommendations are made available to the people of San Mateo County the tools will be provided for the speedy eradication of tuberculosis and way will be made for the next step in preserving the health of our people."

The Public Administration Service, in its report made public last week, recommended that the new tuberculous facility be built adjacent to Community Hospital.

The county's voters last November approved a bond issue of $125,000 for the construction of a sanatorium, to be matched equally by state funds. The construction of a modern hospital type building with room for 100 patients would cost about a half million dollars, the report stated.

"This cost can be reduced by a considered utilization, rather than a duplication, of the facilities of Community Hospital, such as the laboratory, pharmacy, operating room, storeroom and utilities," the report states.

"This indicates that the new facility should be built on the county owned land adjacent to Community Hospital.

"This location has other advantages: Additional medical personnel will be near at hand, the diagnostic chest clinic may be located at the sanatorium, and intake and medical social work services will be available."

Hog Suit

Hogs which prefer swill to barley Tuesday were the cause of a $1210 suit filed in superior court.

The suit, for alleged breach of contract, was filed by the Central Hog Co. of Colma against Major Phillips, proprietor of the Old Mission Lunch, San Francisco.

The hog firm charges that it entered into a contract with the restaurant last June 2, whereby the restaurant would sell to the hog company the entire output of swill, consisting of about two barrels a day, for $100 a year.

Since Jan. 25, the complaint claims, Phillips has refused to sell swill to the hog ranchers, forcing the firm to buy barley at a cost of $7.50 a day. As a result, the firm claims it has been damaged to the extent of $960.

In addition, the hogs prefer swill to barley, and according to the complaint the hogs are not gaining weight as rapidly on barley as they did on swill. Thus the firm claims to have been damaged an additional $250.

Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. Girolamo Bertucci celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home in Colma with the surviving eight of their 11 children present. They also have 10 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertucci were pioneers in the northern section of this county. Mr. Bertucci was one of the first ranchers in that section. Many of the Colma pioneers attended the reception which was held in celebration of the anniversary.

The daughters attending the reception were Mrs. Katherine Bocci, Mrs. Albina Collins, Miss Elsie Bertucci, all of Colma; Mrs. Mabel Vaccari of San Bruno; Mrs. Vera Viola of Daly City. The three sons, all residents of Colma, are Angelo, George and Albert.

Five-Cent Candy

The days of the five-cent schooner of beer and the 10-cent milkshake are gone forever, but the five-cent candy bar may return.

The Charles Leahy Distributing Co. of San Mateo has announced that in conformity with the national program to cut prices, it has established a ceiling of $.85 a box for 24 count candy bars.

This will permit the retailers to resume uniform five-cent prices on candy bars, the company claims.

Held on Drunk Charge

Lawrence J. Kilgannon, 37, 737 College Ave., Menlo Park, a restaurant owner, was arrested by Redwood City police yesterday at 9:30 p.m. on a charge of drunken driving.

Apprehended on El Camino Real at Five Points, he was taken to the San Mateo County jail and released after he had posted $150 cash bail.

Gains Decree

William H. Augustus Jr., Hillsborough firemen Monday was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Superior Court Judge Aylett R. Cotton from Margaret Augustus.

Augustus, son of County Clerk William H. Augustus, had charged his wife with extreme cruelty.

The Prowler

RENO — THIS CITY HAS a situation similar to that of San Francisco with its cable car controversy. Reno's concern is the perpetuation of the service of the historic short-line V. & T. (Virginia and Truckee) Railroad.

That railroad service was inaugurated in 1868, and is continued today with some of the original equipment. The train daily makes the 48-mile round trip between Reno and Minden, via Virginia City.

The train consists of the locomotive and two cars—one a railway postoffice car and mail express, the other a combination baggage car and passenger coach.

Rising costs and limited volme of traffic jeopardize the continuance of the daily run. Civic boosters, however, are working on methods for keeping it going. Not only are there community pride and historic sentiment prompting that activity, but the continuance of the line is considered a good publicity asset. Hollywood producers often make use of this train in historic pictures; it also is a tourist attraction for those who get a thrill out of riding in an old-fashioned coach with kerosene lamps and wood stove; and railroad fans appreciate the privilege of seeing what an old-timer in railway trains looks like in real operation.

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SILVER MINING BEING a basic industry of Nevada, you see little monetary currency here. Silver coins are used instead. At the stores, hotels and gambling clubs, they will accept paper money, of course. But whatever they pay out is counted in silver. In a short time your pockets bulge and your garments grow heavy with the accumulations of silver dollars given in change.

What the daily intake is at the gambling clubs, I cannot imagine. All I can say is that not since the day that I visited a government mint have I seen so much silver money stacked in one place as in any one of the gambling clubs here.

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GLANCE THROUGH THE want-ads of the Reno newspapers and you see recurrently among the "Rooms for Rent," ads the statement, "Divorcees welcome." Some go further by saying, "Divorcees preferred."

Other ads typical of the locality are the following:

"To lease — Bar, gaming and auto court; nets $4000 monthly. Four-year lease, $30,000."

"Rough as Sin — But it clears $350 per month. Apt. in Fallon. $2500 full price; price for lease and furniture only."

"For sale — 100 slot machines, race horse machines and juke boxes. Expert repair service. Phone ——."

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NEVADA IS CALLED the "tax cyclone cellar," and many of its immigrant citizens are termed "tax refugees," because the state levies no inheritance, death transfer, income, gift or sales taxes. It appeals to corporations for such reasons as absence of taxation of shares of non-residents; no stamp, license, franchise nor transfer taxes; no requirement of annual reports; nominal filing fees, and the absence of blue sky laws.

The Nevada state law requires cities to keep a balanced budget and a pay-as-you-go policy. Bond elections here require majority votes of both property owners and non-property owners.

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THIS BEING MY FIRST visit to Reno since several years ago, I noticed that the wheel-of-fortune was missing from the array of gambling devices in most of the gaming clubs. I was informed that most clubs removed those wheels four years ago, presumably because the space could be devoted more profitably to other devices. In one club the wheel is in storage in the basement, where it has been for four years, with $500 in currency still pasted thereon. Money being so plentiful and so easily gathered from the daily crop of suckers, a group of bills totaling $500 is but chicken feed in casino rating.

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RENO'S DIVORCE TRADE is gathered from all corners of the country. A geographical breakdown of 687 recent inquiries about divorce suits showed as follows: 7 per cent were from New England, 32 per cent from the North Atlantic States, 14 per cent from the South, 9 per cent from the Middle West, 3 per cent from the inter-mountain region, 33 per cent from the Pacific Coast, and 2 per cent from Canada, other foreign territories or United States territories.

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THE CITY IS CROWDED to the eaves every day and night. Advance reservations for rooms are advised for those contemplating visits here.

RENO—DESPITE THE FACT that courthouse marriages here are in the main a colorless and routine proceedings, they do have one little touch of gaiety. Although there is complete absence of pomp and form, bridesmaids and ushers, or guests in fancy dress, they do have a flower girl.

She is not the sort of flower girl you picture. She is not a maiden who strews rose petals in the path of the bride or otherwise contributes to the picturesqueness of the ceremony. This flower girl is a purely commercial representative. She takes her stand on the courthouse steps, with a basket of bridal corsages in hand, and solicits the patronage of all arriving grooms-to-be.

It would take a hardy sort of youth to refuse to buy his intended a flower when in the presence of the bride and that close to the great event, even though the price is $3.50, and the man's means may be limited.

Even so, now and then one has the courage or something to refuse. Some haggle over the price.

Gardenias are the choice of most of the brides, although now and then an elderly bride expresses a preference for violets.

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ANOTHER WOMAN WHO stations herself with commercial equipment in hand on the courthouse steps is a photographer—Mrs. Ella Barrett Rush. For 14 years Mrs. Rush worked as photographer on the New York waterfront where she took pictures of people arriving on the great steamers. "The Duke and Duchess of Windsor and other notables would be photographed by news cameramen, but I took pictures of the obscure people," she said.

Most of the couples patronize the photographer, and pose for the pictures against the courthouse garden background, while passersby and the idle curious look on.

Reminiscing about the brides and grooms she had photographed, Mrs. Rush said, "I have taken pictures of old brides in pants and curves and grooms in shirtsleeves and suspenders. I have taken pictures when it was a question whether the bride would be able to beat the baby to the bus station. Why those couples would want pictures, I cannot say. Imagine that mother some years hence showing her wedding picture to her child and saying, 'This is where you came in.'"

Letters from brides and grooms she has photographed sometimes arrive later. One came from a groom three weeks after his marriage. What he wanted to know was whether they "give divorces there too," and whether the wife would have to sign.

When one bride, ordering pictures, gave her name and address, the photographer thought the name had a familiar sound. "I took a picture of another bride today," she said, "who had the same surname and address."

"Well," exclaimed the current bride, "mama and her boy friend must have eloped too."

Occasionally a woman just emancipated from the bonds of matrimony by the divorce court comes down the steps in jubilation and excitement, and wants her picture taken. "But I draw the line at divorcees," said the photographer. "I stick to bridal couples."

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BOTH THE MARRIAGE and divorce industries in Nevada are doing a booming business. Last year 59,164 couples were united in matrimony in Nevada, as compared with 34,989 in 1945, representing a gain of 69 per cent.

Divorces in the state totaled 20,550 in 1946, as compared with 15,019 in 1945—a gain of 36.83 per cent.

Reno still outstrips Las Vegas in the competition for such business. Reno is in Washoe county, and Las Vegas in Clark county. Washoe's marriages in 1946 were 28,790 (as compared with 18,751 in 1945). Clark county's marriage total in 1946 was 21,077 (as compared with 11,198 in 1945).

Divorces in Washoe county numbered 11,060 in 1946 (as compared with 8590 in 1945), and Clark county's divorce share totaled 6059 in 1946 (as compared with 3595 in 1945).

Last year was the state's banner year for both marriages and divorces. In terms of money, the year's divorce and marriage business is estimated at about $10,000,000 to Reno's attorneys and business men.

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS in Nevada this year to increase the marriage license fees and to tax divorce suits, and to impose blood tests as a requirement for issuance of marriage licenses, aroused a great storm of protests. The bill to increase the marriage license fee from $2 to $5 was passed, and will take effect July 1. The other proposals died in committee.

Youth Killed

Ronald Ganoe, 12, was killed, and his father, Rex Ganoe, 33, seriously injured when their light plane crashed into a hillside one mile west of Sneath Ln. and Skyline Blvd. late Saturday afternoon.

Dep. Sheriff Paul Jensen said that Ganoe, a Rockaway Beach Quarry Assn. truck driver, took off in his Taylorcraft Cub plane about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Sharp Park Airport. The plane circled Tanforan Race Track several times and then Ganoe decided to return to the Sharp Park Airport and flew in under the in-rolling early evening fog.

Jensen said that Ganoe told him the plane hit an air pocket during a heavy wind, crashed into a hillside and nosed over.

The boy, who was riding in the front seat of the plane, was catapulted into the air and killed instantly. His father was seriously injured and Jensen said that his legs still were paralyzed today.

The crash occurred on the San Francisco jail property about three quarters of a mile from the jail. It was reported to South San Francisco police by a jailer.

The officers used an army jeep to move the boy's body from the scene of the accident to an ambulance on Skyline Blvd. The boy's mother, who was rushed the scene after the crash, identified the body, collapsed and was taken to South San Francisco Hospital. Ganoe also was taken to South San Francisco Hospital.

Pipes Stolen

The theft of 205 pieces of clay sewer pipe was reported to the sheriff's office last Thursday by W. H. Young, San Francisco.

The six-inch pipes, four feet long, were taken from Young's property on Old County Rd. in the Clearfield Park section near San Carlos. Young reported that the pipe was taken earlier this week.

Disturbs Peace

Pablo Ramirez, 54-year-old laborer on the Webb Ranch in Portola, was in county jail Monday charged with disturbing the peace on the complaint of his wife.

Mrs. Ramirez called deputy sheriffs and told them that her husband had been drinking and had threatened her and their children with a filed down hunting knife.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Broschet, 483 Clarke St., Reduced City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanna, 1096 Glenwood Ave., Woodside, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. John E. McCreagh, Belmont, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Duff, 550 Kenwood Ave., Menlo Park, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hale, 112 Beverly Dr., San Carlos, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 1.

Peninsula Forum

Professor of political science, College of the Pacific, Dr. Malcolm R. Eiselen, will address the Peninsula Forum tonight on "The State Department; Uncle Sam's First Line of Defense." He will evaluate George C. Marshall as secretary of state, and give some facts concerning the functions and organization of the diplomatic and consular service, and will suggest some improvements of "our first line of defense."

The public is invited to the lecture and there is no charge of admission. Robert R. Ross, chairman of the Forum which is connected with the adult center of the college, states that the talk will begin at 7:30 o'clock and conclude at 9 p. m. following a period of questions from the audience.

Dr. Eiselen has spoken before many groups where talk about the state department has been well received. An author and lecturer, he was graduated from Northwestern University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Fire Permits

Fire Chief Joseph Lodi Friday reminded householders that they must obtain a permit to burn trash in back yard cans. He said the hours for burning were between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and that permits could be obtained at fire stations.

Dryness of grass in some back yards constitutes a fire hazard because it is close to rubbish cans.

One Month

Observing the one month anniversary of their marriage today are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alves of 48 Birch St.

Mrs. Alves is the former Madeline Ruano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ruano, 3311 Jefferson Ave. Russell is the son of Mrs. Annie Alves of 119 Buckeye St.

Madeline and Russell were married at the courthouse on Apr. 5 at 11 a.m., after which the wedding party had lunch at Rickey's,

Madeline wore a grey suit with white accessories for her marriage. With it she wore a gardenia corsage. Her attendant was Irene Alves, Rusell's cousin, who also wore a grey suit with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Manuel Ruano was the best man.

Later in the afternoon an open house was held for about 50 people at Russell's mother's home. A buffet supper was served. The couple then left for a wedding trip to Russian River.

Russell is associated with the National Motor Bearing Co. Both he and Madeline attended Sequoia High School. Russell has two brothers, Richard and Theodore, both of this city.

Relief Fund

A fund for the relief of children stranded by the Texas City explosion has been set up by employes of San Mateo County, Mona Christensen, president of the County Employes Assn., announced.

Mrs. Christensen said that although the disaster fund was sponsored by the employes' association, the county's AFL union employes in general had joined in with contributions.

Several hundred persons were killed in the Texas City disaster and thousands were injured.

Lerner Divorce

The Lerner divorce case, postponed for two weeks while attorneys wrangled over a financial settlement, finally was settled Tuesday.

Mrs. Betty Lerner of Atherton was awarded an interlocutory decree by Superio: Judge Aylett R. Cotton, who also approved the financial settlement worked out after long travail.

He keeps the Atherton house but Mrs. Lerner gets half the furniture.